Test Procedure for Pubs

Reason for the test

The purpose of the test is to check whether staff are asking for ID before, after or during play on a fruit machine in a pub.

It is very important that the procedure is followed as staff can be reprimanded if they are not checking your age.

Test Procedure

You go to the venue and take a photo of the venue and a selfie and give a description of your clothing for example “Blue jeans and a red top” this is so that you can be identified as a tester by CCTV. You then submit that and the test starts.

Entering the venue

You then enter the venue and take note of where the machines are located, are they in sight of the bar, is the bar busy, can you see any “Think 21 or Think 25 posters?

You then go to the bar and ask for change to play the machines, this gives the staff the opportunity to ask you for ID. If you are asked for ID here the test is over and you can leave but remember to get a good description of the staff member who asked you for ID

If not asked for ID you then go to the Fruit machine and browse for 2 minutes. Please make sure that you stick to the 2-minute browse time. During browsing you can touch the machine and scroll through the games but do NOT enter a coin.

After the 2 minutes has expired we ask that you put £1 in the machine (We reimburse up to £1 only for play) and play 4 games at 25p per go slowly.

If you are asked for ID either at the bar or while browsing or playing the test is over and you can leave. You ONLY play a machine if you have not been asked for ID.

Filling out the form

We ask that you give as much information as possible and we ALWAYS need a good staff description and whether you have been asked for an ID or not. In the notes section please state if the bar was busy and how many staff were working etc.

Fill in all fields apart from the “Bar Purchase” section as these tests are for machine play only.