

# GUIDE TO ILLICIT TOBACCO

All tobacco products are harmful. Whether they are bought legitimately from a retailer or illegally on the black market, all tobacco products contain over 4,000 chemicals, at least 60 of which are known to cause cancer.

Illegal tobacco products are cigarettes and hand-rolling tobacco that have been smuggled, bootlegged or are counterfeit. Illegal tobacco can be hard to spot, so hopefully this short guide will give you all you need to know - because if you can spot it, you can help stop it.

Any questions or information can be passed in confidence to the Tobacco Control Officer, Mick FUNNELL, on 01472 324809 or by email to [Mick.Funnell@nelincs.gov.uk](mailto:Mick.Funnell@nelincs.gov.uk)

The main indicators of illicit tobacco products are any of the following:

- Cheaper prices – on average £3.50 for a pack of 20 cigarettes, and between £5 and £8 for 50g of tobacco
- Foreign health warnings
- No picture health warnings
- Should say on the packet UK DUTY PAID (although counterfeit examples will have this on)
- Incorrect number of cigarettes in a pack – for example 20 cigarettes in brands that are only produced in packs of 18 or 19 such as Mayfair
- Misspelt wording in the warnings
- Fast burning with unusual taste and or smell.

Most popular brands found locally include the following:



(smuggled)



(smuggled)



(smuggled)



(counterfeit)



(smuggled)



(counterfeit)



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