

# Raffles and Lotteries

Rules and regulations surrounding raffles, lotteries and gaming can be a little confusing and there are laws governing how they are run. To help you we have put together the following notes for guidance.

In brief, a lottery is the formal name for a 'a game of chance'. Raffle is a colloquial name for a lottery. Lotteries come in many forms and are regulated by the Gambling Commission and Local Authorities.

## Types of lottery/raffles:

If your raffle or draw is held within a 24-hour period, is in one single venue and is part of another event (i.e. The raffle is not the main attraction), you can use 'cloakroom tickets'. This type of raffle is known as an '[incidental lottery](#)'. You do not need a license to run an activity like this and this is the easiest way to run a raffle or lottery. This is the type of raffle we would always advise you use when fundraising for Sands.

If your raffle doesn't sound like the above it could be classed as a '[Small Society Lottery](#)' you will need a local lottery licence and printed tickets, as there are things that must be legally printed on each ticket. Do contact the Gambling Commission for further guidance.

## Prizes for your raffle:

When sourcing prizes for your draw always try and get these donated, not only does that keep your expenses down but it also ensures you are abiding to the gambling commissions prize caps. More information can be found on these caps on the gambling commissions website for both; ; [Incidental Lotteries](#) and [Small Society Lotteries](#).

For more information surrounding the rules of raffles you can visit the [Gambling Commission website](#).