



## **Storage of Petrol at Domestic Premises**

**(Advice to members of the public)**

East Sussex County Council and Brighton and Hove City Council are the Petroleum Enforcement Authorities for their respective geographical areas. The trading standards departments of the council carry out the enforcement function for the storage of petrol in across East Sussex.

**Do not store petrol unless you have to**

**If you do have to store petrol STORE IT SAFELY**

Petrol is a dangerous substance, it is a highly flammable liquid that gives off vapours that can be easily ignited. Any leak of petrol can lead to a serious fire and/or explosion, particularly if the leak occurs within a building. Petrol must be stored in suitable portable containers and only in specific locations. The storage of petrol is covered by the Petroleum (Consolidation) Regulations 2014.

- **Common storage arrangements**

- Petrol must not be stored in living accommodation
- The storage place must have a direct exit to open air and ventilation
- You must take reasonable precautions to prevent any ignition sources or excessive heat in the storage place
- Where the storage place is attached to a building, e.g. an integral garage, it must be provided with fire separation from the remainder of the building
- You should not use petrol in the storage place except in the fuel tank of an internal combustion engine or in quantities less than 150 millilitres for cleaning purposes

- **Maximum storage quantities**

- You can store up to a maximum of 30 litres of petrol (in addition to the petrol contained in the fuel tank of your vehicle)
- Plastic petrol containers up to 10 litres capacity
- Metal petrol containers up to 20 litres capacity
- One demountable fuel tank up to 30 litres capacity

This information is not intended to fully detail specific requirements for individual premises, and therefore should you require further information or advice please contact your local trading standards office as detailed below.