

Brand guidelines

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Association of Convenience Stores

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From 1st January 2027, the Government will introduce a generational ban on the sale of tobacco. The generational tobacco ban introduces a permanent cut-off date of 2009 for tobacco sales.

Retailers will no longer be able to legally sell any tobacco products to anyone born on or after 1st January 2009.

You should continue to use Challenge 25 for the coming years.

Tobacco products include:

- Cigarettes, cigars, and cigarettos
- Handrolled tobacco, pipe tobacco, nasal tobacco, and cigarette papers
- Herbal smoking products, heated tobacco, chewing tobacco and waterpipe tobacco products.

The logo

The Decline '09 logo must carry or endorse all communications created for the campaign.

The precise positioning of the logotype and the proportions of its elements must always be reproduced in the set relationship shown here. On no account must it ever be redrawn or modified.



Exclusion zone

An area entirely clear of copy and any other graphic devices must always surround our logo.

The formula for this exclusion zone is shown below and applies to all sizes of logo reproduction. The cap height of the letter 'D', should be used to mark the minimum height and width of the exclusion zone.



The logo

Usage and backgrounds

The Decline '09 logo should only feature in the three brand colours featured below ie white, light blue and black. On a white background the logo must only appear in black and light blue colours. Reverse versions are shown below, for use on light blue and black backgrounds.

For mono colour applications, the logo can appear in all black or white reverse. If it is unavoidable for the Decline '09 logo to appear on a different background to the examples shown here (for example on partner communications), then please only use the mono black or whiteout versions of the logo for contrast. In particular please avoid placing the brand on a red background to avoid a clash with the existing Challenge 25 campaign.



The Decline '09 logo should not be used on a red background to avoid confusion with the Challenge 25 scheme.



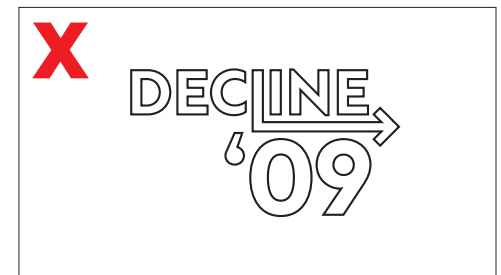
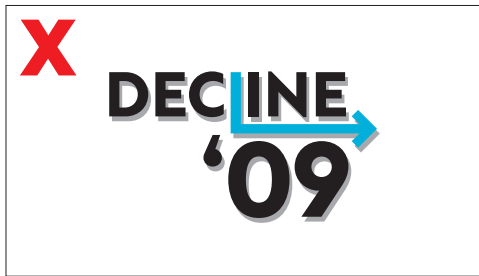
The logo

Incorrect use

The examples on this page indicate inconsistent and incorrect representations of the logo. Altering the logo in any way will undermine the impact of the identity, and in turn the visual brand.

Minimum size

For ease of recognition a minimum size for reproduction of the standard logo and the logo sub-brands has been set at 12mm in print, and 45 pixels on screen.



Typography

The recommended font family to be used on all Decline '09 materials is Gotham.

For body text, a minimum of 9 point text on 11.5 point leading should be used.
There are five standard weights that we use from the Gotham family.

Gotham Black (main headings)

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvxyz
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
1234567890
!@£\$%^&*()_+?:",./<>

Gotham Bold (sub-headings)

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvxyz
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
1234567890
!@£\$%^&*()_+?:",./<>

Gotham Medium (body text emphasis)

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvxyz
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
1234567890
!@£\$%^&*()_+?:",./<>

Gotham Book (body text)

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvxyz
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
1234567890
!@£\$%^&*()_+?:",./<>

Gotham Light (body text)

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvxyz
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
1234567890
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The colour palette

Decline '09 brand communications should only feature the three colours shown below. A limited colour palette gives a simplicity to the campaign messaging, in order to achieve maximum impact.



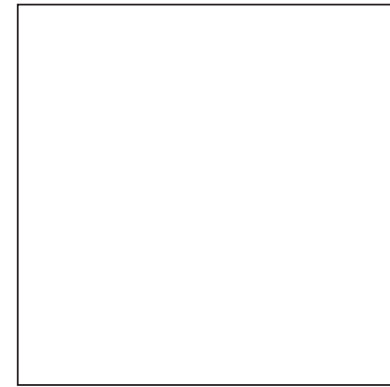
Black

C 0 M 0 Y 0 K 100
RGB 0 0 0
Hex #000000



Light Blue

Pantone 312C
C 92 M 0 Y 12 K 0
RGB 0 169 206
Hex #00A9CE

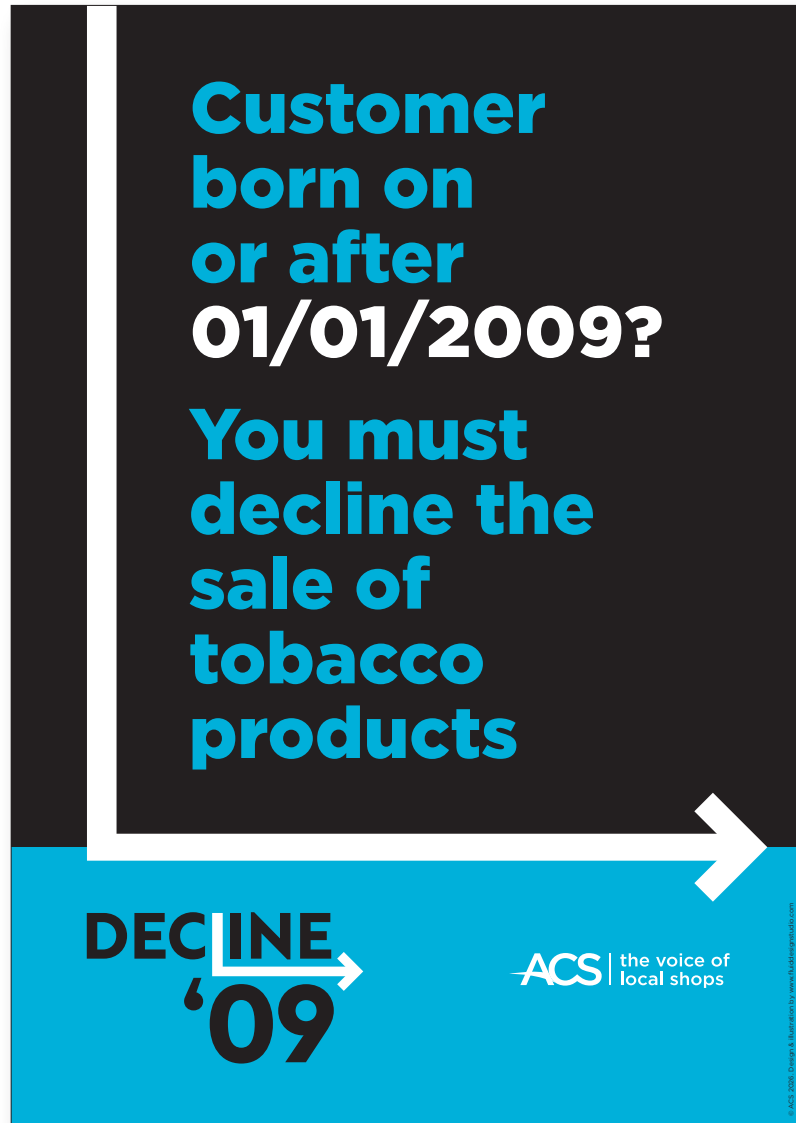


White

C 0 M 0 Y 0 K 0
RGB 255 255 255
Hex #FFFFFF

Visual design examples

Colleague facing A4 posters: full colour version and printer ink/toner friendly white version



**Customer
born on
or after
01/01/2009?**

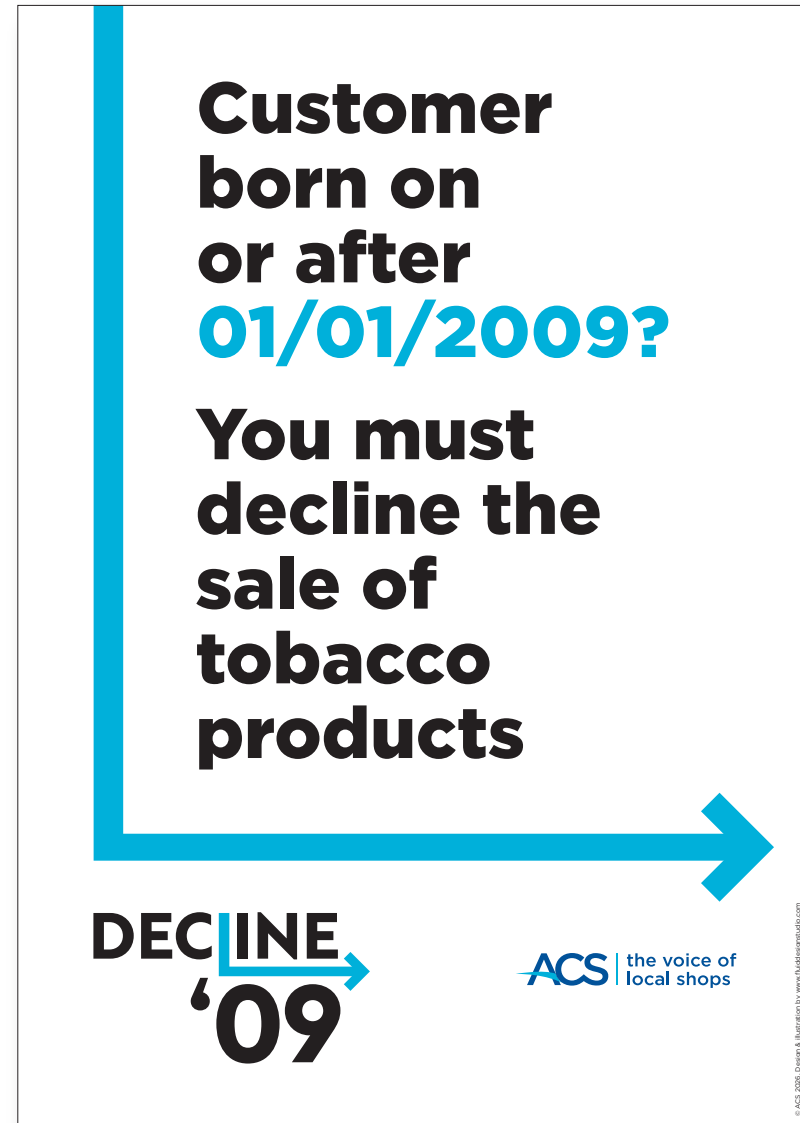
**You must
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tobacco
products**

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ACS | the voice of
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The poster features a black background with a white arrow pointing right. The text is in blue and white. The ACS logo is in white.



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Visual design examples

Customer facing A4 posters: full colour version and printer ink/toner friendly white version



**Were you
born on
or after
01/01/2009?**

**It is illegal
for us to
sell you
tobacco
products**

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local shops

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The poster features a black background with a white arrow pointing right. The text is in blue and white. The ACS logo and slogan are in white on a blue background at the bottom.



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The poster features a white background with a blue arrow pointing right. The text is in black and blue. The ACS logo and slogan are in blue on a white background.

Visual design examples

Social media tiles (customer facing)



1080x1350px



1200x630px



1080x1080px

Partner branding

Decline '09 brand communications may feature your organisation's logo to show support and affiliation with this ACS initiative. The examples on this page show the recommended positions and size your logo should appear, on the range of visual assets available. Please ensure any materials produced which add your organisation's logo to the Decline '09 resources, are first approved by Daniel Askew at ACS before publishing. Please email daniel.askew@acs.org.uk or call 01252 515001 for more information.

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Your Logo

Guideline

**It is illegal to sell
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to anyone born
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1 January 2009.**

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Your Logo

Regulations compliant A4 landscape poster

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Your Logo

Social media tile: 1200x630px

Please use a whiteout version of your logo on the light blue background.

Contact / approval

All media bearing the **Decline '09** logo must be approved by ACS (Association of Convenience Stores) prior to publication. Please contact **Daniel Askew** as required.

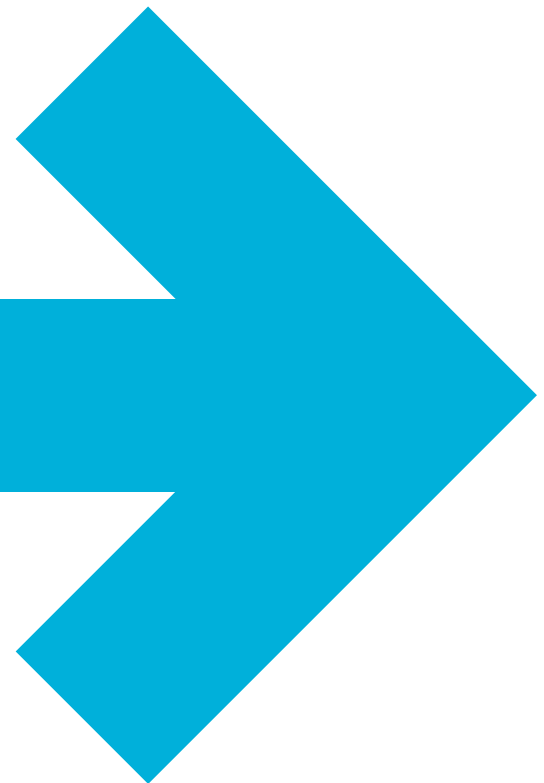
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