

# POSITION STATEMENT ON MOTION LED BY SIAN JAMES MP REGARDING UNSTAFFED TANNING SALONS

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Sian James, MP, has tabled an Early Day Motion urging the Government to fine and prosecute operators of unstaffed coin-operated tanning salons who allow under-16s to use their equipment.

Kathy Banks, Chief Executive of The Sunbed Association (TSA) said "We welcome the support that Sian James MP has given to the issue of unstaffed salons. It has always been TSA policy not to allow this type of salon into membership because they cannot follow our strict code of operating practice, which includes non-use of sunbeds by under-16s.

"There is, however, a distinct difference between unstaffed salons and coin operated salons. Many properly staffed salons use coins or tokens as a means of managing the operation of the sunbeds. The issue is unstaffed salons who use coins or tokens to operate the sunbeds." explained Banks.

The Sunbed Association is a non-profit making trade association with the primary aim of promoting consistent good practice and self-regulation. All members must adhere to the association's strict Code of Practice.

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