

Police urge fans attending Cup Final precursor to act responsibly



Police are urging both sets of fans to enjoy this week's Scottish Cup Final precursor between Hibs and Rangers and act responsibly.

The teams kick off their SPFL Championship match at 7.45 p.m. on Wednesday 20th April, with the match at Easter Road expected to be a sell-out.

To ensure the safety of all those in attendance, police will have a high visibility presence in and around the ground and will assist stewarding staff to conduct searches of those entering the stadium.

Fans travelling from outside Edinburgh are also reminded that officers will be enforcing the city's drinking by-laws and so antisocial street drinking or consumption of alcohol in the street will not be permitted.

Chief Inspector Mark Rennie said: "Following the results of this weekend's Scottish Cup semi-finals, we now know that this match is a precursor to next month's final and we anticipate a significant support from both teams to turn up.

"With so many people making their way to Easter Road it is essential that spectators behave in a manner that does not put themselves at risk and we will have an appropriate presence in place to deter criminality and address any issues, which arise.

"I would like to remind fans that flares, alcohol and items which could cause harm if thrown are strictly forbidden from

being brought inside the ground and if you are found in possession of any of these items you will not get to see the match and are likely to face arrest and prosecution.

“This has the potential to be a great match with an exciting atmosphere and we want both sets of fans to enjoy the game in the proper spirit without becoming involved in, or falling victim to, any form of criminal activity.”