



## Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management

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#### **General Regulations**

Legal age to Consume Alcohol: 21

Legal age to Serve Alcohol: 18 if supervised by someone who is 21

Limit for Driving While Intoxicated: .08 (DUI)

Limit for Driving While Impaired: .05 (DWAI)

Dram Shop Liability Laws: Yes – Statute 12-47-801

Maximum Alcohol per Drink: Not regulated

Number of Drinks Served at One Time: Not regulated

#### **Server Training**

Colorado has a voluntary training program for all licensees. This program offers mitigating benefits to any licensee found to have served a minor during an established sting operation by the state and/or local licensing authority.

#### **Acceptable Forms of ID**

Any State-Issued, Canadian, Mexican, or US Territory-Issued Drivers License

Military ID

Passport

State-issued ID with Photo

Alien Registration Card

Valid Employment Card with Photo and Date of Birth issued by INS

It is not required for someone to have an identification card on their person in order to be served alcohol.

#### **Recommended Age for Carding**

None

#### **ID Confiscation**

Establishments in Colorado may confiscate false IDs. Contact the Colorado Liquor Enforcement Division or local government for the relevant statutes and information.

#### **Policies Regarding Minors**

The Laws Regarding Minors is that it is unlawful to serve or sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 21.

#### **Non-Alcoholic Beer and Wine**

Not regulated.

#### **Alcohol Liability**

Selling or serving alcohol to a minor or visibly intoxicated person is considered a Class 2 Petty Offense. The penalties can include fines from \$200 to \$5,000 for a first offense, written warnings, suspensions, and/or revocations of licenses. If a license is suspended for two weeks or less, and if no prior violations have been cited within two years, the



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licensee can apply to pay a fine in lieu of the suspension. Both criminal and administrative action can be taken for a singular violation.

#### **Statute of Limitations**

Civil action must be commenced within one year. Criminal Misdemeanor must be commenced within 18 months. For more specifics, please see Sec. 12-47-801 (4)(a)(II).

#### **Inspection procedures**

Each licensee shall keep a complete set of books of account, invoices, copies of orders, shipping instructions, bills of lading, weigh bills, correspondence, and all other records necessary to show fully the business transactions of such licensee, all of which shall be always open during business hours for the inspection and examination of said state licensing authority or its duly authorized representatives. The state licensing authority may require any licensee to furnish such information as it considers necessary for the proper administration of this article, and may require an audit to be made of such books of account and records on such occasions as it may consider necessary by an auditor to be selected by said state licensing authority who shall likewise have access to all books and records of such licensee, and the expense thereof shall be paid by said licensee.

The licensee is responsible for activities occurring within licensed premises such as private parties. Licensee is held accountable for all liquor law violations within their premises.

#### **State Contact Information**

Colorado Division of Liquor/Tobacco Enforcement  
1881 Pierce Street, Suite 108A  
Lakewood, CO 80214-1495  
Phone: 303-205-2300  
<https://sbg.colorado.gov/liquor>

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