



## Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management

### State information: Florida

#### **General Regulations: Hiring practices for alcohol servers**

Legal age to Consume Alcohol: 21  
Legal age to Pour Alcohol: 18  
Legal age to Serve Alcohol: 18  
Limit for Driving While Intoxicated: .08  
Limit for Driving While Intoxicated, Under 21: .02  
Dram Shop Liability Laws: Yes, modified  
Maximum Alcohol per Drink: Not regulated

#### **Server Training**

Florida does not mandate training, approve programs, or offer a state program. Florida has a Responsible Vendor Act that sets standards for licensees to meet to be considered a responsible vendor. Licensees who obtain this status can present it as a mitigating factor against penalties for violations by employees.

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

Any State Driver's License  
Military ID  
Passport or US Passport card  
State-issued ID card

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

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#### **ID Confiscation**

Florida does not authorize licensees to confiscate false IDs. Licensees who recognize false IDs should refuse the sale and contact local law enforcement

#### **Policies Regarding Minors**

It is unlawful to serve or sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 21. It is illegal for a minor to consume alcohol in the presence of a parent or legal guardian either on or off a licensed premise.

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

It is unlawful to serve or sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 21. It is illegal for a minor to consume alcohol in the presence of a parent or legal guardian either on or off a licensed premise.

#### **Alcohol Liability**

Following is a list of some of the possible penalties for selling alcohol to an underage person:

First offense - \$1,000 and 7-day license suspension;  
Second offense within 3 years - \$3,000 and 30-day license suspension;  
Third offense within 3 years - license revocation.



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#### **State Contact Information**

Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation  
Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco  
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