



Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management

State information: Georgia

General Regulations

Legal age to Consume Alcohol: 21

Legal age to Serve Alcohol: 18 (local ordinance can raise age)

Limit for Driving Under the Influence: .08

Limit for Driving Under the Influence, Under 21: .02

Dram Shop Liability Laws: Yes

Maximum Alcohol per Drink: Not regulated

Server Training

The state of Georgia does not currently regulate server training. However, the State Revenue Department does have a training program for wholesale dealers, retail dealers, and consumption on premises dealers. Training requests should be forwarded to the Alcohol and Tobacco Division of the Georgia Department of Revenue.

Acceptable Forms of ID

Any State Driver's License

Military ID

Passport

State-issued ID card

Recommended Age for Carding

Not mandatory, but liability is on employee/establishment if ID is not checked.

ID Confiscation

Licenses may confiscate false IDs if they report the confiscation to the local law enforcement. Consult Georgia statutes for specifics.

Policies Regarding Minors

It is unlawful to serve or sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 21. Policies regarding admittance into alcohol-serving establishments are governed by local ordinance. It is illegal for an individual under 21 years of age to consume or possess alcoholic beverages, except under the provisions of O.C.G.A. 3-3-23, as follows:

- For medical purposes pursuant to a prescription of a physician duly authorized to practice medicine in this State, or;
- At a religious ceremony, or;
- When the parent or guardian of the person under 21 years of age gives the alcoholic beverage to the person and when possession is in the home of the parent or legal guardian and such parent or legal guardian is present.

Non-Alcoholic Beer and Wine

Georgia treats non-alcoholic beer and wine the same as any other beverage with alcohol.



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Alcohol Liability

The penalties for serving or selling alcohol to a minor or someone who is already intoxicated vary from case to case depending on the number of previous offenses and the circumstances for the citation. Typically, penalties can range from \$50 - \$2,500 in fines and/or suspension or revocation of the license. Violations of O.C.G.A. 3-3-23 are punishable as misdemeanors with a maximum of one year imprisonment (fines are at the discretion of the court). Administrative violations are heard before the State Revenue Commissioner and are subject to fines, suspensions, and revocations.

Statute of Limitations

There is a general two-year limitation on actions for injuries to the person.

State Contact Information

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