



## Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management

### State information: Indiana

#### **General Regulations**

Legal age to Consume Alcohol: 21

Legal age to Pour/Serve Alcohol: 21 to mix, 18 to take an order, 19 and 20 years old may serve after being certified by Excise Police and given a restricted license

Legal age to Sell Alcohol: 19 for grocery or drug store (off premises), 21 for all other locations (on premises)

Limit for Driving While Intoxicated: .08

Dram Shop Liability Laws: Yes

Maximum Alcohol per Drink: Not regulated

Number of Drinks Served at One Time: Not regulated

#### **Server Training**

Any individual who holds an employee permit or restricted employee permit must successfully complete a state mandated server training program within 120 days of being hired. The training is conducted by certified third party trainers and the State Excise Police. The certification period is 3 years.

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

Any Valid State Driver's License

Military ID

Passport

State-issued ID card with photo

Government-issued ID card

#### **Recommended Age for ID Checking**

Persons thought to be less than 26 years of age should be asked to produce reliable proof of age in order to purchase alcohol in an on-premise establishment.

Any individual who buys alcoholic beverages for carry out thought to be less than 40 years of age should be asked to produce reliable proof of age. Failure to do so is a Class B Misdemeanor.

#### **ID Confiscation**

Licenses in Indiana are not authorized to confiscate false IDs. Licensees are to keep a business record of the incident and the ID information and report it to any law enforcement agency. Should the customer abandon an ID after an employee of a licensee questions the validity of an ID while it is in the employee's possession, the employee is not in violation of the policy. Should the customer request that the employee of the licensee return the ID, the employee MUST do so, even if he/she believes the ID to be false. The employee should document the incident and report it to any law enforcement agency.

#### **Policies Regarding Minors**



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It is unlawful to serve or sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 21. Minors are not permitted in bar rooms unless they are 18, accompanied by a parent, guardian or family member who is at least 21, and there for the purpose of consuming food.

#### **Policies Regarding Visibly Impaired Patrons**

It is unlawful to serve or sell alcohol to anyone showing visible signs of impairment.

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

Not regulated

#### **Service Hours**

Sunday through Saturday: 7:00 AM to 3:00 AM

It is unlawful to dispense alcoholic beverages on Christmas day as well as primary, general or special election days until after the polls close.

#### **Policies Regarding Service by the Drink**

These on-premises license holders are required to have food service available for at least 25 people. The minimum requirement is 25 cans of soup, hot sandwiches, coffee, milk and soft drinks.

No drink specials limited by time (i.e. happy hour) or by who may qualify (i.e. women only) are permitted.

#### **Liquor Liability**

In addition to criminal penalties, the administrative penalties for violations such as serving an underage person or someone who is visibly intoxicated are, per offense, up to a \$1,000.00 fine, suspension, or revocation. Each and every administrative violation is reviewed by the ATC prosecutor and fines and penalties are assessed on an individual basis.

#### **State Contact Information**

Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission  
302 W. Washington Street, Room E112  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204  
317-232-2430  
[www.in.gov/atc](http://www.in.gov/atc)

Server Training Specific Questions should be directed to Officer Heather Lynch (260) 244-6774 or email at [servertraining@atc.IN.gov](mailto:servertraining@atc.IN.gov).

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