



Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management

State Information: Maine

General Regulations

Legal age to Consume Alcohol: 21
Legal age to Serve Alcohol: 17
Limit for Operating Under the Influence: .08
Limit for Operating Under the Influence, Under 21: .00
Dram Shop Liability Laws: Yes
Maximum Alcohol per Drink: Not regulated
Number of Drinks Served at One Time: Not regulated

Acceptable Forms of ID

Any Valid State Driver's License
Valid Passport
Valid State-Issued ID

Recommended Age for Carding

Maine law requires a licensee or licensee's employee or agent may not sell, furnish, give or deliver liquor or imitation liquor to a person under 27 years of age unless the licensee or licensee's employee or agent verifies the person is not a minor by means of reliable photographic identification containing that person's date of birth

ID Confiscation

No licensee is liable for retaining identification documents presented to the licensee as proof of the individual's age for the purpose of receiving liquor provided that:

- A. Retention is for a reasonable length of time in a good faith effort to determine whether the individual is of legal age
- B. The licensee informs the individual why he is retaining the identification documents.

Policies Regarding Minors

No licensee shall permit consumption of liquor on licensed premises by minors or persons visibly intoxicated. A server who negligently serves liquor to a minor is liable for damages proximately caused by that minor's consumption of the liquor. Qualified Catering Services shall not provide the service of liquor at any event or gathering primarily attended by minors. No advertisement of liquor shall contain either subject matter or illustrations inducing minors or immature persons to drink, nor shall depict any person in the act of drinking liquor.

Liquor Liability

A server who negligently serves liquor to a visibly intoxicated individual is liable for damages proximately caused by that individual's consumption of the liquor. Service of liquor to a minor or to an intoxicated individual is negligent if the server knows or if a reasonable and prudent person in similar circumstances would know that the individual being served is a minor or is visibly intoxicated. A server who recklessly serves liquor to a



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Statute of Limitations

The statute of limitations for liquor liability incidents is 2 years after the cause of action accrues.

State Contact Information

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