



Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management

State information: Maryland

General Regulations

Legal age to Consume Alcohol: 21

Legal age to Serve Alcohol: 18 for beer and wine licenses; 21 for beer, wine, and liquor licenses, unless otherwise regulated by city or county

Limit for Driving While Intoxicated: .08

Limit for Driving While Impaired: .07

Dram Shop Liability Laws: No

Maximum Alcohol per Drink: Varies by city and county; generally not more than 2 oz. per drink

Number of Drinks Served at One Time: Not regulated

Server Training

Maryland approves server training programs used throughout the state. Certification in an approved program must be completed every four years. A permit is needed both for the program and the trainer. Program providers and trainers must re-register with the state every year by October 31. The holder of a Statewide Caterer's (SCAT) license shall have at least one individual on-site during a catered event that has been certified by an alcohol awareness program licensed by the State Comptroller's Office.

Acceptable Forms of ID

Valid State Driver's License with photo

Valid Military ID

Valid US Passport or passport card

Valid State-issued ID card with photo

Recommended Age for Carding

27. Not mandatory.

ID Confiscation

Licensees in Maryland have no legal authority to confiscate false IDs.

Policies Regarding Minors

It is unlawful to serve or sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 21. Minors are permitted in restaurants which serve alcohol.

Non-Alcoholic Beer and Wine

Not regulated

Liquor Liability

Penalties for violations with regard to the sale and service of alcohol vary by city or county. In most Maryland jurisdictions, local licensing boards may fine, suspend, or revoke an alcoholic beverage license for violations of its rules and regulations or state statutes. In several jurisdictions, fine progression severely increases for successive violations of the same regulations or statutes. Local boards regulate license holders.



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Individuals, depending on the nature of the violation, may be charged criminally for certain alcoholic beverage violations.

State Contact Information

Comptroller of Maryland

Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Bureau

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