



## Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management

### State information: Minnesota

#### **General Regulations**

Legal age to Consume Alcohol: 21  
Legal age to Serve Alcohol: 18  
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**

Minnesota currently does not regulate server training, nor does the state provide a training program for licensees.

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

Valid Driver's License or ID Card issued by Minnesota, another state, or a Canadian province  
Valid Military ID  
Valid U.S. Passport  
Valid Passport for foreign national

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

None

#### **ID Confiscation**

A licensed retailer or municipal liquor store may seize a form of identification listed under paragraph (a) if the retailer or municipal liquor store has reasonable grounds to believe that the form of identification has been altered or falsified or is being used to violate any law. A retailer or municipal liquor store that seizes a form of identification as authorized under this paragraph must deliver it to a law enforcement agency within 24 hours of seizing it.

#### **Policies Regarding Minors**

It is unlawful to serve or sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 21. Minors are allowed in establishments that sell alcohol, however admittance is regulated by the establishment. Injured third parties are allowed to sue adults who provide alcohol to minors which makes adults financially liable for any crime caused by an intoxicated minor they furnished alcohol to. Underage persons may not consume alcoholic beverages at any place other than the household of the person's parent or guardian with the parent or guardian's permission. (MN Statute 340A.503 subdivision 3)

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

Minnesota treats all beverages with .05% alcohol or higher as alcoholic. They do not have regulations for beverages with less than .05% alcohol.

#### **Alcohol Liability**



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Penalties for providing alcohol to a minor or someone who is visibly intoxicated can be civil and criminal. Civil penalties are levied against the licensee and can include up to a \$2,000 fine for each violation and/or suspension or revocation of the license for up to 60 days. These penalties are classified as misdemeanors, gross misdemeanors and felonies. Criminal penalties are levied against the server or seller and can carry a maximum of 3 years in jail and/or a fine of up to \$1,000.

#### **Statute of Limitations**

The current statute of limitations for liquor liability incidents is two years.

#### **State Contact Information**

Minnesota Department of Public Safety  
Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division  
444 Cedar Street, Suite 222  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2156  
(651)201-7507

<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/age/alcohol/pages/enforcement-faq.aspx>

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