



## Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management

### State information: New Hampshire

#### **General Regulations**

Legal age to Consume Alcohol: 21  
Legal age to Serve Alcohol: 18  
Limit for Driving While Intoxicated: .08  
Limit for Driving Under the Influence: .08  
Limit for Driving While Intoxicated, Under 21: .02  
Dram Shop Liability Laws: Yes  
Maximum Alcohol per Drink: Not regulated  
Number of Drinks Served at One Time: Not regulated

#### **Server Training**

It is mandatory for any new licensee or his/her designee to attend a management training seminar, developed and provided by the State Liquor Commission, within 45 days of issuance of the license. This requirement applies to both on-premise and off-premise licensees. This requirement does not apply to anyone holding a license as of the effective date (September 9, 2001).

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

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

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

None

#### **ID Confiscation**

An ID recognized as false can be confiscated for a reasonable length of time to make a good faith effort to determine whether the person is of legal age or to notify law enforcement officials of a suspected violation of law.

#### **Policies Regarding Minors**

It is unlawful to serve or sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 21. Patrons must be over 18 or accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or adult spouse to be in a cocktail lounge. Minors are not allowed to consume alcohol under any circumstances, whether in the presence of their parents or legal guardian, or on or off a license premises.

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

Not regulated

#### **Alcohol Liability**

Any person suffering injury as a result of another person's intoxication may bring suit against the licensee. A person who becomes intoxicated may bring an action against



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a licensee for serving alcohol beverages to such person. A defendant who negligently or recklessly serves alcohol beverages to a minor or an intoxicated person is liable for resulting damages, subject to the provisions of the law. Administratively, first offenses are subject to \$100 to \$5,000 fines. Fines ascend on subsequent violations.

#### **Statute of Limitations**

The statute of limitations for liquor liability incidents is three years.

#### **State Contact Information**

State Liquor Commission  
Concord, NH  
603-271-3521  
info@liquor.state.nh.us  
<https://www.nh.gov/liquor/index.shtml>

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