



Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management

State information: New Jersey

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, but must not promote over-consumption

Number of Drinks Served at One Time: Not regulated, but must not promote over-consumption

Server Training

New Jersey currently does not regulate server training.

Acceptable Forms of ID

Valid New Jersey Driver's License

Any State Issued Driver's License or Federal Photo ID

Written Representation of Age Form

It is not required for someone to have an identification card on their person to be served alcohol.

Recommended Age for Carding

None

ID Confiscation

New Jersey recommends that licensees who recognize an ID to be false contact the police instead of seizing the ID.

Policies Regarding Minors

It is unlawful to serve or sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 21. Minors are allowed to consume alcohol in the presence of their parents or legal guardians in their residence, or as part of a religious service. For all on premise consumptions licensees, no person under 18 years of age may be employed to work on the licensed premises (this includes entertainers), except that you may employ someone 16 years of age or older as: A. a pin setter or lane attendant at a public bowling alley; B. a busboy (or someone who does not prepare, sell or serve alcoholic beverages) in a restaurant, bowling alley, hotel, motel, or guest house or similar facility. For all off premise consumption licensees, no person under 18 years of age may be employed to work on the licensed premises except that you may employ someone 15 years of age or older to act as a stock clerk or in a similar position that does not involve the sale of alcoholic beverages to customers. Alcoholic beverage control regulations require all retail licensees to obtain an Employment Permit for any employee who is less than 18 years of age from the Division of ABC.

Non-Alcoholic Beer and Wine



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Not regulated.

Alcohol Liability

The Division of ABC does not handle Liquor Liability Laws but the following is a list of possible penalties for liquor law violations for offenses within a 2-year period:

First Offense - 15-day suspension (can be converted into a fine);

Second Offense - 30-day suspension;

Third Offense - 45-day suspension;

Fourth Offense - Revocation.

The penalty for selling alcohol after hours is generally a 15-day suspension. The Licensed Beverage Server Fair Liability Act (N.J.S.A 2A:22A-5) imposes civil liability on a licensee who serves alcohol to a visibly intoxicated person or a minor.

State Contact Information

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