



Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management

State information: Ohio

General Regulations

Legal age to Consume Alcohol: 21
Legal age to Serve Beer: 18 – updated 2022
Legal age to Serve Wine/Liquor: 21
Limit for Driving While Intoxicated: .08
Limit for Driving While Intoxicated, Under 21: .02
Dram Shop Liability Laws: Yes

Acceptable Forms of ID

Any Valid State Driver's License
Valid Ohio ID Card
Valid U.S. Passport
Valid Military ID

Server Training

Ohio currently does not regulate server training. The Department of Public Safety offers a server education programs to retail permit holders.

Recommended Age for Carding

None

Policies Regarding Minors

It is unlawful to serve or sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 21. There are no state laws regulating the admittance of underage persons to establishments. Persons under 21 may only possess or consume alcohol if provided by parent, legal guardian, spouse over the age of 21, or for medical or religious purposes.

ID Confiscation

Ohio does not have specific state laws which specify whether an establishment may or may not seize a false ID.

Non-Alcoholic Beer and Wine

No person under 18 years of age shall order, pay for, purchase, attempt to purchase, share in the cost of, consume or possess any low alcoholic beverages.

Liquor Liability

A determination by the Liquor Control Commission (LCC) that a permit holder has violated an Ohio liquor law, i.e., sale to an underage person or to an intoxicated person, after hours sales or gambling, etc. may subject him to a suspension of permit privileges. Suspensions for first time violators are normally for a period of one to four days. Permittees are often allowed to make a monetary forfeiture instead of serving a suspension. Forfeitures are usually equivalent to \$100 or \$200 per day of the suspension. The employee who actually committed the violation of law is usually charged with a criminal offense. That charge is handled through the local courts. Varied fines and jail time are standard penalties for violating applicable state liquor laws.

State Contact Information

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