



Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management

State information: Rhode Island

General Regulations

Legal age to Consume Alcohol: 21
Legal age to Pour Alcohol: 18
Legal age to Sell Alcohol: 18
Legal age to Serve Alcohol: 18
Limit for Driving While Intoxicated: .08 (under 21- .02)
Dram Shop Liability Laws: Yes
Maximum Alcohol per Drink: 1 to 1.5oz
Number of Drinks Served at One Time: 1

Server Training

All persons who sell or serve alcoholic beverages, anyone serving in a supervisory capacity over those who sell or serve alcoholic beverages, anyone whose job description entails the checking of identification for the purchase of alcoholic beverages and valet parking staff shall receive Alcohol Server Training. Any eligible employee of a licensee shall be required to complete certified training within 60 days of the commencement of his or her employment and must attain a minimum score of 75%. Licensees shall require servers to be recertified every 3 years.

Acceptable Forms of ID

Any Valid State Driver's License
Valid Military ID
Passport
Rhode Island State ID Card

Recommended Age for Carding

None

ID Confiscation

Rhode Island licensees may confiscate IDs they recognize to be false.

Policies Regarding Minors

It is unlawful to serve or sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 21. Minors are permitted in establishments that serve alcohol, provided no alcohol is consumed.

Non-Alcoholic Beer and Wine

Rhode Island does not regulate non-alcohol beer and wine.

Alcohol Liability

Licensees or their employees who recklessly provide alcohol to a minor or someone who is visibly intoxicated are liable for damages caused by the person who consumed the alcohol. Licensees can be fined as follows: 1st offense: \$350 - \$1,000 fine and/or up to 6 months imprisonment. 2nd offense: \$750 - \$1,000 fine and/or up to 6 months imprisonment. 3rd and subsequent



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State Contact Information

State of Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation
(401) 222-2562

<https://dbr.ri.gov/divisions/commlicensing/liquor.php>

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