



Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management

State information: West Virginia

General Regulations

Legal age to Consume Alcohol: 21

Legal age to Serve Alcohol: 18, must be always supervised by someone 21 or older.

Limit for Driving While Intoxicated: .08

Limit for Commercial Drivers: .04

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

West Virginia currently does not regulate server training.

Acceptable Forms of ID

Any state driver's license

Military ID

State-issued ID card

Passport

Recommended Age for Carding

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ID Confiscation

Establishments may confiscate IDs they recognize as false. Upon confiscation, establishments should report incidents to the local law enforcement, state police or WVABCA.

Policies Regarding Minors

It is unlawful to serve or sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 21. Minors 18 or older are permitted in establishments that serve or sell alcohol. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Minors are not allowed to consume alcohol in the presence of their parents or legal guardian under any circumstances, either on or off a licensed premise.

Non-Alcoholic Beer and Wine

Defined as beer, lager beer, ale and all other mixtures and preparations produced by the brewing industry, including malt coolers and non-intoxicating craft beers containing at least 0.5% alcohol by volume, but not more than 9.6% of alcohol by weight, or 12% by volume, whichever is greater.

Wine includes wine coolers and similar beverages containing not less than 0.5% or more than 7% alcohol by volume.



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Alcohol Liability

If found to be guilty of serving a minor an establishment will be found guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not less than \$500 no more than \$1,000 and possible imprisonment in county jail for a period up to 1 year.

Additional sanctions include, revoking the licensee's license; suspending the licensee's license; placing the licensee on probationary status for a period not to exceed 12 months; and monetary penalty that is assessed by the Alcohol Beverage Control Commissioner.

State Contact Information

WV Alcohol Beverage Control Administration
322 70th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304
304-558-2481
<http://www.abca.wv.gov/>

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