

Liability and Responsibility:

You are Liable if you sell Alcohol to a minor.

Sales to Minors:



SERVERS CANNOT FURNISH ALCOHOL TO ANYONE UNDER 21.

Every person or licensee who sells, furnishes, gives, or causes to be sold, furnished, or given away, any alcoholic beverage to any person under the age of 21 years is **guilty of a misdemeanor.** Code 25658 (a), (d)



Minors are liable too:

ANYONE UNDER 21 CANNOT PURCHASE OR CONSUME ALCOHOL.

Any person under the age of 21 years who purchases any alcoholic beverage, or any person under the age of 21 years who consumes any alcoholic beverage in any on-sale premises, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

-Code 25658 (b)

You have the Legal Right to refuse to sell alcohol to anyone who cannot produce adequate written evidence of age.

You are Liable if You Sell Alcohol to an Obviously Intoxicated Person

Sales to Obviously Intoxicated Persons

Every person who sells, furnishes, gives, or causes to be sold, furnished, or given away, any alcoholic beverage to any habitual or common drunkard or to any obviously intoxicated person is **guilty of a misdemeanor.**

Furthermore, it is stated that a customer is obviously intoxicated when an average person can plainly observe that the patron is intoxicated. The usual signs are staggering, alcoholic breath, dilated pupils of the eyes, slurred speech, poor muscular coordination, etc.

Code 25602 (a)



Reasonable Effort

The law requires that a server/seller make a **Reasonable Effort** to prevent intoxication in customers, prevent alcohol sales to minors, or intervene if a customer does become intoxicated. One of the ways this can be accomplished is through a good event policy.

Examples of Reasonable Effort include:

Checking ID

Offering food at event

Refusing service

Written policies

Responsible Alcohol Service Sales and Training

Intoxicated patrons will not be served