

Nonprofit clubs, societies, or associations can apply for One-Day or Festival Licenses to serve or sell alcoholic beverages at their event. The following tips will help you ensure a safe and successful event.

- Avoid making alcohol sales and consumption the focus of the event.
- Avoid promotions and advertisements that encourage excessive consumption.
- Don't serve alcoholic beverages to guests who are under the age of 21. Always check IDs.
- Do not serve intoxicated individuals, it's illegal.
- Designate a trained staff member to sell and serve the alcohol.
- Promote awareness among servers of serving size and alcohol content to prevent excess service.
- Ensure adequate staffing to monitor the event and prevent alcohol consumption by underage attendees.

- Set limits on drinks per person and per service.
- Provide non-alcoholic beverages when alcoholic beverages are served.
- Serve high protein and low-salt foods to slow the absorption of alcohol into the bloodstream.
- Stop serving alcohol an hour before the end of the event. This will help ensure your guests' safety on the way home.
- Use servers of legal drinking age to serve alcoholic beverages.
- Arrange alternative transportation for guests who may become alcohol impaired.



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