

## Common Sense Guide to Responsible Hospitality



### One Day Permit Holders



Many non-profit organizations and community groups arrange special events, fairs and festivals to generate funding. A set of clear and consistent policies can help inexperienced and untrained volunteers control youth access to alcohol and can reduce the rate of intoxication. This can be achieved by offering more choices, such as, food, entertainment, games and a variety of beverages.

### Suggestions for responsible hospitality

- Avoid making alcohol sales and consumption a focus at the event.
- Avoid promotions, advertisements, and practices that encourage over consumption.
- Develop policies and practices that prohibit the sale of alcohol beverages to underage persons (under the age of 21) and to adults who would provide alcohol to the underage.
- Develop policies and practices that discourage the sale of alcohol beverages to impaired adults and prohibit the sale of alcohol to intoxicated persons.
- Be aware of social host liability, many states hold the host liable for the actions of an intoxicated guest.
- Use servers of legal drinking age (21) or older to serve alcohol beverages.
- Ensure adequate staffing to oversee the event and prevent pass-offs to the underage.
- Designate an individual(s) to be responsible for the serving of alcohol and promote recognition of serving size and alcohol content to reduce size.
- Set limits on drinks per person and per service.
- Educate servers to the rules and regulations, civil liabilities and criminal statutes governing the service of alcohol within the jurisdiction.
- Ask all patrons under 35 to present their valid IDs, use point of sale materials "we check ID signs".
- Monitor guest consumption of alcohol beverages.
- Encourage consumption of high protein and low salt foods that slow the absorption of alcohol into the bloodstream and ensure availability throughout the event.
- Make alcohol free beverages available whenever alcohol beverages are served.
- Stop serving alcohol well in advance of the end of an event.
- Arrange alternative transportation for alcohol impaired customers.

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