



KEEPING IT SAFE

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE SERVICES

240-777-1904

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Division of Licensure, Regulation and Education

It is **illegal** to sell alcohol to intoxicated individuals, individuals known to be “habitual drinkers”, the mentally deficient, those of unsound mind and minors under the age of 21.

Responsible Policies:

- Refuse service to those who are intoxicated.
- Avoid promotions that encourage over consumption.
- Have a written policy listing step by step instructions on what a server should do if a patron becomes intoxicated.
- *Train staff
- Encourage food sales and nonalcoholic drinks. Place a glass of water down, without asking, to accompany the first alcoholic drink.
- **Publicize alcohol policies in visible locations.
- Do not allow staff to consume alcohol while working.
- Encourage servers to ask for an ID whenever they are in doubt of a patron's age.

*Free training available through the ABS Community Outreach Office.

** Free point of sale materials are available through the Community Outreach Office.

For additional information please call the Community Outreach Office at 240-777-1904/240-777-1989 or e-mail us at abs@montgomerycountymd.gov