

LICENSING, REGULATION AND ALCOHOL STRATEGY

Tips on how you can Address Issues Commonly Encountered at Functions

Noise Reduction

- Close all doors and windows during entertainment (provided safety is not jeopardised).
- Face the speakers away from the neighbours.
- Utilise another area of the premises away from the neighbours.
- Ensure all motors/generators are adequately maintained or baffled.
- Position exit points away from the neighbours.

Minimising Intoxication and Harm to Patrons

- Have water easily accessible as patrons may wish to 'space' their drinks, especially if they are driving.
- Talk to your customer / guest before taking their order. You may be able to determine whether or not they have had too much to drink.
- Provide food or snacks as it delays the absorption of alcohol into the body.
- Promote low alcohol and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Offer wine by the glass as well as the bottle.
- Don't encourage the excessive or rapid consumption of liquor such as the promotion of 'all you can drink', 'free drink' offers, 'boat races' and alike.
- Be alert for activity such as drink spiking (refer to drink spiking fact sheet) or other drug use.

Check Identification

Strict screening for evidence of age is essential to prevent minors gaining entry to licensed premises and/or purchasing liquor. It is an offence to sell or supply liquor to a minor. Only officially issued photographic identification provides reasonable evidence of age. Examples are listed below.

- A current Drivers Licence
- A current Passport
- A Proof Of Age card

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Adequate Security

- Ensure adequate security and lighting in areas such as car parks.
- Where security personnel are required, you should ensure:
 - a) All security personnel utilised in relation to the function are licensed under the *Private Security Act*, and
 - b) that there are sufficient number of security personnel for your function – the general rule is that you should provide 2 security personnel for the first 100 people expected at your function and then 1 for every 100 people thereafter.