

PRACTICAL HINTS FOR SECURITY WORKING AT LICENSED PREMISES

GOLDEN RULE: *If in doubt, say no!*

- You must be familiar with the liquor licence conditions at your workplace. If you are unsure, ask your manager, check the web at www.nt.gov.au/justice/licenreg, call a Licensing Inspector on 08 8999 1800 or email lr.doj@nt.gov.au with any questions.
- It's important so don't be slack. Any breach of licence conditions can be brought before the Licensing Commission where they have the power to suspend or cancel the liquor licence. Other breaches can result in a criminal conviction against you and your boss.

MINORS ON LICENSED PREMISES: *If in doubt, say no!*

A minor is a person who is less than 18 years of age.

- Different venues have different conditions for minors. Some licensed venues allow minors on the premises, some do not, and some allow them only at particular times and in particular areas. Know what applies to the premises you're working at. *If you don't know, find out.*
- If minors are not allowed, or it is outside the hours they're allowed then carefully check the ID of anyone entering who looks younger than 25. If you're still uncertain, ask for another form of ID. Even a credit card or Medicare card can help by matching names. *Remember, if in doubt, say no!*
- If you allow a minor to enter or remain on premises when they're not allowed, you may be convicted of a criminal offence. *Don't take the risk!!*
- It is an offence to sell or supply alcohol to a minor so check ID carefully and if in doubt, say no! The only exception is if your premises has a section 106(1)(b) declaration in the liquor licence, the minor is accompanied by their parent, spouse or guardian and the alcohol is sold with, or ancillary to a meal.

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DRUNKS ENTERING OR ON PREMISES: *If in doubt, say no!*

- Alcohol must not be sold or supplied to anyone who is intoxicated. (See Fact Sheet on Intoxication at www.nt.gov.au/justice/licenreg) In a Court or Commission hearing, it is the responsibility of the licensee or employee to prove that the person they served was not intoxicated. (Refer *Liquor Act* Section 102) If you don't let them in, they can't be served!
- If any person is drunk, violent or engaging in anti-social behaviour, then it is the responsibility of the licensee or employee to remove them from the premises. If they are not removed, the licensee or employee may face penalties. The person must leave upon request however; the law allows the use of reasonable force to remove the person. (Refer *Liquor Act* Section 121)

PROTECT YOURSELF... PROTECT YOUR BOSS: *If in doubt, say no!*

Remember, If you allow an intoxicated person or a minor to remain on premises, you may be convicted of a criminal offence. Don't take the risk.

If you commit an offence, then the Licensee may also be charged as if they had committed the offence. The Licensing Commission may also suspend the liquor licence because of your breach. Don't take the risk.

PENALTIES

The Court may impose penalties of a fine and/or imprisonment for breaches of the *Liquor Act*. Where there is no specific penalty set out in the Act for a particular offence the maximum penalty the Court may impose is:

First Offence - \$1,000 fine or 6 months imprisonment.

Second Offence - \$2000 fine or 12 months imprisonment.

If a complaint against a Licensee for a breach is accepted by the Licensing Commission, the Commission can:

- issue a caution to the Licensee;
- suspend or cancel the Liquor Licence; or
- amend the licence conditions

MORE INFORMATION

If you need more information, email us at lr.doj@nt.gov.au visit our website at www.nt.gov.au/justice/licenreg or call us on 08 8999 1800.