

SELLING ALCOHOL TO MINORS: KNOW THE RISKS!

You have the Right to Refuse Service to Minors

Young Persons **MUST SHOW PROOF OF AGE** with adequate I.D.

Licenses and their employees have the legal right to refuse service to anyone who cannot show adequate written evidence of age: CA driver's license, CA I.D. card or other state issued I.D.s that you know what they look like.

Refuse service to any customer who may be purchasing for a minor.

Every person who sells, purchases, give, or cause to be sold, furnished or given away any alcoholic beverage to any person under the age of 21 years is guilty of a misdemeanor. § 25658 (a) B&P

You may take away any false I.D.

A licensee or employee may seize any identification presented by a person that shows the person to be under the age of 21 years or that is false, so long as receipt is given to the person from whom the identification is seized, and the seized identification is given within 24 hours of seizure to the local law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the licensed premises. § 25659 B&P

PENALTIES FOR SELLING ALCOHOL TO MINORS

No Person may sell, furnish, or give alcohol to a minor. No person may cause or permit this to occur. This includes sales to minor “decoys” used by local law enforcement agencies. § 25658(a) B&P

CRIMINAL PENALTIES: For the Seller, the penalty is a **\$250 fine and/or 24-32 hours of community service.** For the second or subsequent offense the penalty is a maximum of \$500 fine and/or 36-48 hours community service. § 25658(e)(1) B&P

ABC PENALTIES FOR LICENSEE OWNERS: For the first offense, the penalty is a **\$750-\$3,000 fine, license suspension, or probation.** For a second offense within three years, the penalty is a mandatory license suspension. For a third offense within three years, the license may be revoked.



Check IDs Carefully!

If you have any questions contact the Oakland Police Department's Alcohol Beverage Action Team (510) 777-8670 or the CA Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC), Oakland District Office (510) 622-4970



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