



LOSS CONTROL BULLETIN

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LIQUOR LIABILITY #116

The warmth and camaraderie created as friends enjoy a drink can turn into a disaster when a person overindulges.

Let's not let an alcohol related accident happen because we failed to provide:

RESPONSIBLE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SERVICE

Many clubs have adapted a formal policy on the service of alcoholic beverages. We strongly urge your club to do the same. The policy should address and reinforce the following:

1. Alcoholic beverages will only be served to members and guests who are not intoxicated and who are of legal age.
2. The club's right to refuse service to members or guests who put themselves or others in danger as a result of the consumption of alcohol.
3. Club staff is charged with the duty of enforcing the Alcoholic Beverage policy. Members and guests should know that action taken by the staff has complete support of the club Board or owners.
4. The benefits of allowing the guest to remain until their intoxication level is reduced to a safe level of securing another form of transportation.

All members should be informed of this policy at least annually, and it should be posted in areas where alcoholic beverages are served. The policy should be included in all Banquet Agreements and contracts. Remember, liability not only extends to the club, but also to the servers, officers, and directors.

TRAINING

- Your alcohol servers should attend formal seminars on alcohol management to help them reduce alcohol related accidents.
- All members who serve alcohol must be properly trained in TIP's (Training in Intervention Procedures for Servers) or its equivalent and adequately supervised.
- A formal written program is required which addresses the sale of alcoholic beverages. It must include how to address persons who appear to be intoxicated or under age patrons.