

Occasional PERMITS & MINORS



If people under the age of 18 years will be attending your occasional permit function, it is essential that they do not purchase, handle, or consume liquor. Inside are a few facts and helpful tips to assist you when dealing with minors.



Who should be asked for identification?

Anyone who appears to be 25 years of age or younger who wants to buy drink tickets or consume liquor, should be asked to produce photo-identification to prove their age.

What is satisfactory identification?

Government-issued photo-identification is the only acceptable form of proof of age. These include a valid:

- Manitoba Driver's Licence (two parts)
- MLCC photo-identification card
- Armed Forces identification card
- Canadian Citizenship card
- Passport
- Certificate of Indian Status
- Photo driver's licence issued by another province or state
- Canadian Firearms licence

NOTE: The photo on the card must clearly look like the person who has presented it as identification.

Who is responsible to ensure that minors are not served?

The permittee, the hall operator, and the bartender all share the responsibility, and all could be held accountable if a minor is served or possesses liquor.

What is the penalty for serving a minor?

Selling or serving liquor to a minor is an offence under *The Liquor Control Act*, carrying with it a fine of approximately \$1,000 for a first offence.

How can I prevent minors from obtaining liquor?

- Only responsible adults should be assigned as bartenders, ticket sellers, or security personnel. These adults should all be advised of their responsibilities to ensure that minors are not served or allowed to consume liquor.
- Anyone selling liquor tickets should check the identification of any youthful-looking person wishing to buy tickets.
- If possible, hire professional bartenders, but if you cannot, ensure that the bartenders you use know their responsibilities, such as checking for proper identification and ensuring that people are not over-served.
- Bartenders should check youthful-looking persons for identification before serving them.
- Wrist bands or stamps to identify adults from minors may assist bartenders or ticket sellers.
- Limit liquor service to two drinks to any one person at a time, and watch for adults purchasing liquor for minors. Adults purchasing for other adults is permitted.
- Have someone circulate through the hall, watching for minors with liquor and signs of over-service. Liquor should be removed immediately from minors, who should then be put in the care of a responsible adult.
- During the function, regularly clear unconsumed drinks, empty containers, etc., from the tables.
- Minors should not be allowed to help with the clean-up of part/empty liquor glasses.
- Consider restricting events to those 18 years of age or over where possible.

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