



Alcohol Policy for Private Parties

Regardless of who supplies the alcoholic beverages, any event with alcoholic beverages is controlled by **Georgia Law**, which clearly holds parties **liable** when a minor or intoxicated person is served. The following measures are guidelines to be followed if you will be having alcoholic beverages at your function in the parish hall:

BEER & WINE SERVING

All servers of beer and wine must be **adults of 21 years of age or older**. They may not personally partake of any alcoholic beverages while serving alcoholic beverages to others. They must be knowledgeable of and enforce all rules, regulations and policies that apply to the serving of alcoholic beverages. (i.e. no one under legal drinking age of 21 will be served alcoholic beverages; no alcoholic beverages will be served to anyone who appears to be intoxicated; will not knowingly allow others to get drinks for anyone under the legal drinking age, etc.) Servers of alcoholic beverages must conduct themselves in a responsible manner.

SERVING HARD LIQUOR is NOT Allowed (Distilled beverages such as whiskey & gin, etc.)



RISK REDUCTION MEASURES

1. Beer & wine should never be served to anyone who is under twenty-one (21) years of age, the legal drinking age in Georgia.
2. **Those who serve** alcoholic drinks shall **not drink** alcoholic beverages prior to or while serving, until they are fully alert and their system is free of alcohol.
3. The individual who is serving alcoholic drinks should serve only **one drink** at a time to any individual.
4. The drinks that are served should be **carefully measured** and **no doubles** of any drink requested should ever be served.

(The commonly accepted drink measurements adhere to the following recommended standards:
No more than **12 ounces of beer** or **4-5 ounces of wine** as a **maximum** per serving.)

5. **Food** should be served **constantly** throughout the event that is taking place.
6. Every precaution should be taken to ensure that **no** alcoholic beverage be **brought into** the event and that **only** those alcoholic beverages **consumed** are the ones **being distributed** under the guidance of the staff members of the event in question.
7. **No** alcoholic beverage will be permitted to **leave** the premises where they are served.
8. The individual who contracted the use of the facility is responsible for carefully **observing** all individuals throughout the event to make sure **they are eating and not just drinking**.
9. A **pre-existing plan** should be devised to handle an individual who has had too much to drink. This plan should include:
 - A. **Alternative** method of **transportation** home after the event; should the individual be in a diminished or incapacitated state and unable to drive their vehicle.
 - B. A method to **limit or stop** an individual's **consumption** should he/she have had too much to drink in the opinion of the bartender handling the event

(This detection method can be handled through simple observation and if the individual exhibits **slurred speech, staggering, stumbling behavior or poor motor skill coordination**, then **no** further alcohol should be given, dispensed or made available to this person.)

10. **At least 1-1/2 hours before** the event concludes, the **bar should be shut down** so no further alcohol should be made available to the individuals at the event.