

## Do you have food available at all times?

It is a condition of all ON and Club licence that food is available when liquor is being sold. You must also have signs indicating that there is food available and instruct your staff to promote food to patrons.



A 2008 decision in reference to food:

Ref Decision PH 1652-2008 The Empire Hotel Petone Limited,

[41] In this particular case if the company wishes to have the privilege of a licence, then it will have corresponding duties to promote and supply quality food.

[45] The following conditions will be included in the licence -

*"A range of food choices must be readily available at all times that the premises are open. Menus must be visible and **food should be actively promoted**. A minimum of three types of food should be available. The range or style of food will be as shown on any menu submitted. Alternatively the range of food should include such items as paninis, pizzas, lasagne, toasted or fresh sandwiches, wedges, pies, filled rolls, and/or salads".*

The Wanganui District Council will be closed from 3.00pm on the 24th of December and will reopen on the 5th of January.

Have a great Christmas and a safe New Year from the District Licensing Agency.

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## Local Liquor Wanganui

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## Its Christmas time

With Christmas rapidly descending upon us and Licensees no doubt organising staffing etc, it is timely to explain the District Licensing Agency's view point over this period.

In accordance with the Sale of Liquor Act 1989, no liquor is to be sold or supplied on Christmas Day (i.e. from midnight Christmas Eve Thursday 24th December 2009).



The exemptions to the above are:

Any person who is, for the time being, living on the premises, whether as a lodger or employee of the holder, or otherwise; or

Any person who is present on the premises for the purpose of dining.

Judge Young has said (CRN 1012010576) in regards to the 'purpose of dining';

"That of course is a deliberately vague term .... Equally the managers must understand that such vague provision is not intended to invite them to try and find ways around their clear obligations .... Clearly it is the obligation on the management to ensure, within reasons, that those who are there, are there for the purpose of dining".

The above will form the basis for this Agency's interpretation in regards to Christmas trading.



Any application for a Special Licence to trade on Christmas Day will be determined on its merits.

Applications that appear to be an attempt to obtain extended trading hours, at times when Parliament clearly intended the premises to be closed **will be opposed**.

In such circumstances a hearing will be required.

We want your Christmas to be a safe and prosperous time, so if you have any queries about your legal obligations over the Christmas period please give us a call.

Have a great Christmas and a happy New Year from the District Licensing Agency.

### Points to remember

- No ID no sale.
- Don't rely on other staff if you're unsure of age ask for ID because it will be you going before the Judge.
- Don't 'bend' the rules just because it is the Festive Season.
- We are expecting a number of visitors during the holiday period. Show them your hospitality and high compliance standards.

## Liquor Seminar

Thank you for your response to interest in the Liquor Workshop. Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control we were unable to host this in early November. We are now looking at early February. You have told us you would like to cover the

following topics:

- ♦ intoxication levels and how to spot when enough is enough
- ♦ 'P' can you spot it?
- ♦ Checking ID
- ♦ The Act and how it re-

lates to your premise

- ♦ How the DLA can better help you
- ♦ Host Responsibility Policy
- ♦ Dealing with difficult customers

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# From the Environmental Health Team

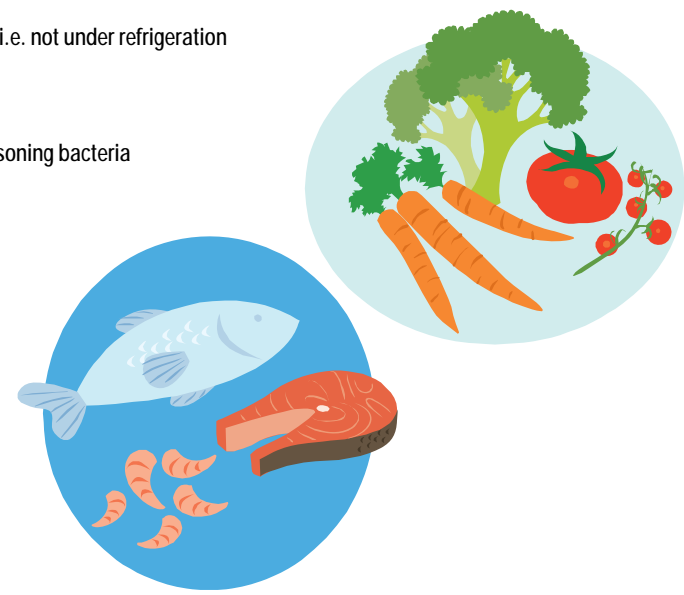
## Essential points to remember about food poisoning:

- Thousands of food poisoning incidents occur each year; they result in loss of business and jobs as well as the illness of customers
- Food which causes food poisoning looks, tastes and smells normal
- The main reason for food poisoning is storage of high risk foods at room temperature
- Food poisoning bacteria are everywhere



## The ten main reasons for food poisoning;

- Food prepared too far in advance and stored at room temperature, i.e. not under refrigeration
- Cooling food too slowly prior to refrigeration
- Not reheating food to high enough temperature to destroy food poisoning bacteria
- The use of cooked food contaminated with food poisoning bacteria
- Undercooking
- Not thawing frozen poultry for sufficient time
- Cross-contamination from raw food to cooked food
- Keeping hot food below 60°C
- Infected food handlers
- Use of leftovers



# Where is your premise licence?

Do you know where your premise licence is? It should be on the wall of your principal entrance along with the latest renewal notice you have received. Please check now and if it is no longer on your wall please let us know and we can arrange to get the documents replaced at no cost to you.



Sale of Liquor Act 1989  
**Section 25 states:**  
**Display of signs and licence**

(1) Every holder of an on-licence granted in respect of any premises shall ensure that there is displayed at all times a sign attached to the exterior of the premises, so as to be easily read by

persons immediately outside each principal entrance, stating the ordinary hours of business during which the premises will be open for the sale of liquor.

(2) Every holder of an on-licence shall ensure that there is displayed at all times a copy of the licence, and of the conditions of the licence, attached to the interior of the premises or convey-



# We'll be watching, Police tell drinkers

(Article printed in Wanganui Chronicle on Monday 23 November 2009). People who choose to breach Wanganui's liquor ban this festive season can expect no goodwill from Police.

Sergeant Damon Evans, officer in charge of liquor licensing, says the liquor ban will be strictly enforced and anyone breaching it would face a fine of up to \$20,000. Anyone under the age of 18 caught anywhere in public would face an instant \$200 fine.

Sergeant Evans pointed out the liquor ban area, as well as covering Victoria Avenue and surrounding streets, had been expanded to include the Red Lion, Durie Hill Tower, Victoria Park and Parsons Street lookout. "The CCTV [closed-circuit television] cameras give a good coverage of the CBD [central business district] and we will be monitoring them closely over the busy season. So if you're drinking you will be seen."

Sergeant Evans said nine people were arrested last weekend for breaching the liquor ban and it would be a case of "all hands on deck" for the police over summer.

"Increased policing seems to work best in terms of keeping alcohol-related

crime down." Last summer had seen lower levels of crime than usual.

"We ensured we had enough staff on duty and we were proactive about policing with a strict response. So we will be going for the same thing this year."

Those warnings also come with a reminder to people to keep themselves and their friends safe as the festive season approaches.

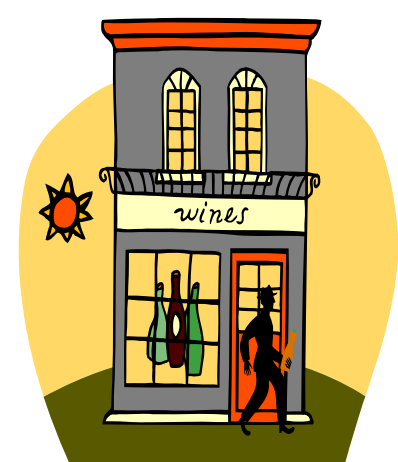
Sergeant Evans said Police particularly wanted people to be aware of drinking responsibly and keeping safe while drinking.

"Summer is a very busy time for [Police]. People tend to take advantage of the fine weather, getting too drunk and making poor decisions."

He said when people were out drinking they should look after one another and ensure everybody got home safe.

"If you go to another pub, don't leave your friends behind."

Sergeant Evans said women were particularly vulnerable when they were drinking, and should make sure they



knew how they intended to get home.

They should also be wary of accepting drinks from strangers.

He said there had never been any evidence of drink spiking in Wanganui, but that doesn't mean it couldn't happen.

People who were throwing parties at home should also be aware of the welfare of their guests.

"look after your guests - provide food and non-alcoholic drinks, make sure they get home safely, or offer them a spare bed for the night."

