

Fire Evacuation Schemes

Did you know that prior to applying for a renewal of your On, Off or Club Licence you should know whether you have to comply with the Fire Service Act with regard to having an evacuation scheme approved by the New Zealand Fire Service or an evacuation procedure.

Under the Sale of Liquor Act 1989, when you apply for your renewal you must supply a statement which reads - either:

- (a) The building in which the premises are situated has an evacuation scheme for public safety which meets the requirements of s21b of the Fire Safety Act 1975. or
- (b) The building, by reason of its current use, does not require such a scheme, or that the building is exempt from having to meet the requirements for such a scheme.

So if you believe (a) is correct, this means that the building will have the capacity to hold 100 or more people, you will have an evacuation scheme that has been formally approved by the Fire Service, you are doing regular trial evacuation no less than six months apart and are sending in the paper work advising that you will be holding one 14 days before the trial evacuation and another form within 14 days of holding one that you have completed it.

If you believe (b) is correct then the building will not hold 100 and all you need is an evacuation procedure that is not approved. All the paper work can be done on line at www.fire.org.nz going to the evacuation online site tab and you can email the evacuation trial info to western.enquiries@fire.org.nz. You can also get all the information for evacuation scheme application there too.

If you GO for option (a) and DON'T have a scheme or not doing the trials, (and the only way we know is by the paperwork), or go for (b) and the building can hold 100, we will apply under section 134 of the Sale of Liquor Act 1989 for suspension of license. So don't be surprised if it happens.

If you are not sure ring the Fire Station for advice giving plenty of time before your renewal.



John Hotter
Fire Safety Officer
New Zealand Fire Service

Message from the Inspector Doug Bonner



Where minors may be on licensed premises.

I have received a few calls, some from the trade and some from the public, relating to the use of minors to sell and/or serve liquor.

So here's the gospel according to Saint Doug.

	Restricted Area	Supervised Area	Undesignated Area
Employment of under 18 for sale and supply of liquor	No 161(2)	Yes 163(3)(d)	Yes
Under 18 years and employed as a performer	No 163(1) No 161(2)	No, unless accompanied see 163(2) (parent/guardian)	Yes
Under 18 member of licensee's or manager's family, or under 18 spouse of adult lodger	No special rules-exemptions apply: they are the same as the general public		
Under 18 spouse of licensee (where employed by licensee only)	Yes 161(2) but no 163(1) for sale of liquor	Yes 163(3)(a) 163(3)(b) 163(3)(d)	Yes
Under 18, at the request of a member of the police (on duty) (unaccompanied)	Yes 163(4)	Yes 163(4)	Yes

* Guardian is defined in section 2

So in cases of supermarkets/grocery stores and the like the premises are **undesignated** and therefore there is no obstacle to a minor being employed to sell liquor.

This also would apply to restaurants and clubs that are also undesignated. You will note also that there is no special provision for 'family' in relation to exemptions for Restricted or Supervised designated areas.

While I'm on the band wagon, remember to ensure all staff continue the good work so far in checking for age of the person they are selling liquor to. It's not about ensuring compliance in case a Controlled Purchase Operation or your Mystery Shopper etc might be due, it's about always complying with the law - and keeping your licence.

Welcome to our new Liquor Premises:

Stables Sports Bar – Puriri Street
Al Ponte Restaurant – Taupo Quay
Angora Café & Restaurant – Victoria Ave
Shree Sai Holdings – Duncan Street
Guru Indian Restaurant – Victoria Ave
Tasty Indian Restaurant – Victoria Ave



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Message from the Secretary Melanie Heron

Welcome to a new year I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year and actually got to have time away from your business to relax and unwind.

Alcohol Reform Bill

Over the last two years the law commission has undertaken a comprehensive review of the legislation relating to the sale, supply and consumption of alcohol in New Zealand. The Commission reported its findings to the Government in August last year and the Government has drafted the Alcohol Reform Bill to implement its response to the Law Commission's recommendations. The Government has largely accepted the Commission's recommendations although some parts have been rejected or altered.

The Bill will repeal and replace the Sale of Liquor Act 1989 and amend the Summary Offences Act 1981, the Children, Young Persons, and their Families Act 1989 and the Local Government Act 2002.

The Bill is a significant piece of law reform that will impact on the country, Council, this community and your business.

The Bill's objectives are to –

- reduce excessive drinking by young people and adults;
- reduce the harm caused by alcohol use, including crime, disorder, public nuisance and negative public health outcomes;
- support safe and responsible sale, supply and consumption of alcohol;
- improve community input into local alcohol licensing decisions;
- improve the operation of the alcohol licensing system.

This Reform will directly impact on your business so don't miss the chance to be heard. Submissions need to be to the select committee by February 18th. You can do this via the website www.parliament.nz or by writing to the Committee Secretariat, Justice and Electoral Committee, Select Committee Office, Parliament Building, Wellington 6011 (you need to send two copies if posting).

I look forward to working with you over the coming year.

Cheers
Melanie



Whanganui Police - Alcohol Harm Reduction Officer -

As you are all aware Whanganui Police have conducted a number of Controlled Purchase Operations in Whanganui over the past year.

The last two operations were in conjunction with Operation Unite, an Australasian Operation which was aimed at raising the awareness and reducing the level of alcohol related harm during two 12 hour periods through high visibility policing.

The last Operation occurred on 17 December 2010, which resulted in no sales being made to our volunteers from 22 visits to 'on' - 'off' licensed premises.

This was a very pleasing result and confirms for us that selling alcohol to minors is a relatively easy area for licensed premises to enforce, no formal identification = no serve.

Further to the identification presentation by customers I have been asked by a number of people lately about false ID'S. If it is determined by you or your staff that they are 'fake/false' identifications, the forms of ID can be retained by your establishment.

HANZ have produced a 'Retained ID Noting Form' which is completed at the time of seizing, you then forward the form with the false ID to your local Police department.

These people who are attempting to use false ID'S will then be spoken to by Police.

At this point in time I am happy with our current environment of local licensee's commitment to abide by their responsibilities under the Sale of Liquor Act and hope that this continues in to the future.

Sgt Nick Brunger
Alcohol Harm Reduction Officer
Whanganui Police



Is your Licence or Certificate current?

- How do you know?
- When did you last look at it?

Failing to renew your licence could be fatal to your business. Suitability of the applicant is questionable when you fail to renew on time. All forms can be downloaded from our website:
www.wanganui.govt.nz/publications/forms

Training or Upskilling

Are you uncertain or unsure?

Please let Gina know so we can cover your uncertainty in upcoming seminars.

Alcohol and Youth - Health Promotion Report -

Whanganui's alcohol outlets have been given the big tick by police after a recent controlled purchase operation. All premises visited during the sting declined the sale of alcohol to the under-age volunteers taking part in the operation.

This is great news for those working to reduce youth alcohol-related harm within our community, but does it paint a full picture of alcohol accessibility for minors? If minors are unable to buy alcohol from licensed premises, where do they get their alcohol from?

Research and experience shows that parents and other family members are the main sources of alcohol supply to minors. Other adults and friends also feature as youth alcohol supply sources. Sometimes too, adults are 'shoulder tapped' outside licensed premises by young people and asked to purchase alcohol on their behalf.

It is important to know that under the Sale of Liquor Act, it is an offence to sell alcohol to such people if you are aware that they are purchasing it on behalf of minors. It is also an offence to purchase alcohol with the 'intent to supply' it to a minor, with the exception if the buyer is the parent or guardian or the alcohol is for a 'private social gathering'.

Being committed to ensuring all staff are aware of their responsibilities under the Act, and providing on-going training will not only help to reduce supply to minors and subsequent alcohol-related harm, but also ensure you comply with liquor laws in a positive manner.

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Welcome to our new Health Premises:

Curry Puff Café – Victoria Ave
Tasty Indian Restaurant – Victoria Ave
Guru Indian Restaurant – Victoria Ave
Kellys Cakes by Design – Mt View Rd
Devine Café – Burton Ave
Springvale Café – Devon Rd
Al Ponte Restaurant – Taupo Quay
Eyali G – Victoria Ave

Handmaid – Moana Street
Caffeinator – Taupo Quay
Hook Line Sinkers – Victoria Ave
Angora Café & Restaurant – Victoria Ave
Cross Street Takeaways
Cherry Cottage Cupcakes – Gibson St
Auri Korean House – Victoria Ave



Keep your guard up when doing I D Checks! So what are the acceptable forms of I dentification?

Only four forms of ID that are have been approved under the Sale of Liquor Act are:

- New Zealand Passport
- New Zealand Driver's Licence
- Overseas Passport
- HANZ 18+ photo ID card (18+ card)



North side – Health Inspector Therese says:



Welcome to the New Year and our first health column.

As most of you will be aware Voluntary Food Control Plans have been taken on board by a few premises. It is hoped that these will roll out once legislation has been passed, possibly this year.

If you can start implementing some of the requirements of the Food Control Plan, for example **daily temperature recording of refrigerators**, this would give you a good start.

Enclosed is a pamphlet reminding you about the risk of food allergens and how you and your staff should deal with food allergens.

Therese
Environmental Health Officer

South side – Health Inspector Victor says:



Hello and Happy New Year to all Wanganui inhabitants!

I trust that you all had a peaceful and relaxing Christmas and New Year celebration. I will be 1-year old in Wanganui in few months time and I have really enjoyed the transition and the environment here. In regards to the food premises, I have been progressively impressed with the standard in most of the premises inspected and the vast improvement of others since last year. This means the advice and corrections have been taken on board. A lot of high achieving premises, thus adds to and furthers the good name of Wanganui in terms of good-dining. A big well done and keep up the good work!

I'll see you around!!

Victor
Environmental Health Officer

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