

## **Chapter 6. Safety & Peace of Mind (Please give to Volunteer Bartenders)**

Alcohol can bring unpleasant surprises, especially for those who do not live at altitude. Three most serious surprises are:

1. Interpersonal dramas that can ruin the spirit of the party
2. Acute dehydration. Alcohol can push a simple drunk into full blown acute altitude sickness.
2. Motor vehicle accidents, which, on Red Feather Lakes Rd, have a high mortality rate
3. DUI, DWAI and DWI arrests

Interpersonal Dramas can best be prevented when everyone's blood alcohol level is low.

Pre-plan with ushers or at least three other volunteers to assist with the impaired.

Use humor, distance and distraction to defuse rising spirits.

Colorado has two levels of alcohol-related driving offenses, and both are based on the measurement of blood alcohol concentration (BAC) in the body.

Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs (DUI). The legal limit BAC for drivers over 21 years old is 0.08%, while the limit for drivers under 21 years old is 0.02%.

Driving While Ability is Impaired (DWAI). DWAI has a limit of 0.05%.

### **YOU CAN BE ARRESTED & CONVICTED**

For Driving While Ability Impaired (DWAI)...

- If your ability is impaired to the “slightest degree” by alcohol, drugs or even prescription medications, or
- If your blood alcohol concentration is found to be as low as .05%

For Driving Under The Influence (DUI)...

- If you are “substantially incapable” of operating a vehicle after consuming alcohol, drugs or prescription medications, or
- If your blood alcohol concentration is at or above .08

If you have a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of .17 or higher, even if it's your first offense, you will be labeled a PERSISTENT DRUNK DRIVER (PDD) and sentenced as strictly as a repeat-DUI offender.

### **WHAT HAPPENS AFTER A DUI CONVICTION?**

If you are convicted of a first DUI offense, you face a long road of consequences:

- Criminal offense (Class II Misdemeanor) on your record for life
- Loss of license and/or Ignition Interlock breath alcohol detection device on your vehicle for up to 24 months
- Imprisonment for 5 days to one year (Larimer county convictions tend to be punished harshly)
- Probation
- Court-ordered alcohol education classes and treatment for up to 9 months
- Community service between 48 to 96 hours

**VEHICULAR HOMICIDE – CLASS III FELONY** If you are convicted of impaired driving in a crash in which a person is killed, you can be sentenced to four to twelve years in prison.

**VEHICULAR ASSAULT – CLASS IV FELONY** If you are convicted of impaired driving in a crash in which a person is seriously injured, you can be sentenced to two to six years in prison.

In Colorado the Division of Motor Vehicles has the legal authority to suspend your license for DUI and DWAI regardless of any criminal charges you may face through the courts. These penalties, known as Administrative

Penalties, can cause an automatic suspension of your driver's license as well as fees and points depending on the offense.

**DWAI 1st Offense:** 8 points toward license suspension; \$200 to \$1500 fine; up to 1 year in jail; up to 48 hours community service.

**DUI 1st Offense:** Administrative license revocation for 9 months; \$600 to \$1,000 fine; up to 1 year in jail; up to 96 hours community service; alcohol education.

**DUI/DWAI 1st offense under 21 years old:** Drivers license suspended 3 months up to 1 year and 4 points added to driving record.

The penalties increase substantially for repeated offenses and, in some cases, you may be required to install an ignition interlock device on your car. The only way to challenge Administrative penalties is to request an alcohol hearing.

## **COLORADO ALCOHOL LAWS**

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<b>Age to Consume</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>DUI/DWI Limit</b>	<b>.08; Driving while impaired, .05. Boating, .08</b>
<b>DUI/DWI Under Age Limit</b>	<b>.02</b>
<b>Maximum Alcohol per Drink</b>	<b>Not Regulated</b>
<b>Number of Drinks at One Time</b>	<b>There is no limit on the number of drinks a person may be served. Only a visibly intoxicated person may not be served.</b>
<b>Dram Shop Liability Laws</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Social Host Liability Laws</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Server Training Required by State</b>	<b>Voluntary except in liquor stores where tastings occur.</b>
<b>Notes on Server/Seller Training Regulations</b>	<b>This program offers mitigating benefits to any licensee found to have served a minor during an established sting operation by the state and/or local licensing authority. Retail liquor stores and liquor licensed drug stores authorized to conduct tastings must complete a seller/server training program approved by the Liquor Enforcement Division.</b>
<b>ID Confiscation Allowed</b>	<b>Yes. Establishments in Colorado may confiscate false IDs. <u><i>We do NOT recommend you do this at your party.</i></u></b>
<b>Recommended Age for Carding</b>	<b>None</b>

## **ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF ID - COLORADO**

- Any State, Canadian, Mexican, US Territory or Foreign Driver's License
- Military ID
- Passport or US Passport Card
- State-Issued ID Card
- Alien Registration Card
- Valid Employment Card w/ Photo and DOB issued by the Department of Homeland Security