

Oregon's Alcohol Laws and Minors

Oregon law prohibits anyone, except a parent or legal guardian, to provide alcohol to a minor or juvenile. A minor is any person under the age of 21 and a juvenile is any person under the age of 18. Parents or guardians may legally provide alcohol only to their minor child in a private residence when accompanying their child. A parent cannot transfer this responsibility to another adult or to a public place. If you allow your property and/or home to be used for a party where minors consume alcohol, other than your children in your presence, you may have to forfeit property and may be issued a citation to circuit court.

ORS 165.805 Misrepresentation of age by a minor

When minors misrepresent their age, they purposely are not truthful about their age to prevent being in violation of the law. They are referred to juvenile court or cited into Circuit Court. The minor will be fined and must wait up to one year to obtain a driver license. (*Class C Misdemeanor*)

ORS 471.430 Minor in possession of alcohol

When minors are in possession of alcohol, they are either holding the alcohol, have consumed the alcohol, or attempted to purchase. They will be referred to juvenile court or cited into circuit court. The minor will be fined, driving privileges will be suspended for up to one year, and/or the minor will have to wait up to one year to apply for a driver license. Juveniles may be sent to an alcohol education course. (*Class B Violation*)

ORS 471.610 Confiscation of liquor and property

When any officer arrests a person for violating a liquor law, usually selling and/or serving without a license, the officer may take into possession all alcoholic liquor and other property used for the event. Other property that can be confiscated includes: bars, glasses, chairs, tables, music devices, furniture, and equipment. This property is forfeited to the state of Oregon.

ORS 471.620 Property or places subject to confiscation

Any room, house, building, boat, structure or place of any kind where alcohol beverages are sold or given away in violation of the law shall be subject to confiscation. Anyone who maintains or assists in maintaining such a place, violates of the Liquor Control Act.

ORS 471.410(2) Furnishing alcohol to a minor

No person shall sell, give or make alcohol available to a minor. A parent or legal guardian may provide alcohol to their child in a private residence. If you provide alcohol to a minor, you will be cited to appear in circuit court. (*Class A Misdemeanor*)

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ORS 471.410(3) Controlling an area where minors are permitted to consume alcohol

It is illegal for someone exercising control over private real property to allow any person under 21 to consume alcohol on the property. It is also illegal to allow any person under age 21 to remain on the property if they have consumed alcohol. Private real property may include a hotel room, camp site, or any rented/leased location. If you control an area where minors consume alcohol, you will be cited into circuit court. (*Class B Violation*)

ORS 471.565 Licensee, permittee and social host liability

As a social host, if you serve visibly intoxicated patrons or guests, you are liable for damages incurred or caused by the patrons or guests away from your home.

ORS 471.567 Liability for serving minors; liability of a minor for misrepresentation of age

As a licensee, permittee or social host, you are liable for injuries caused by a minor who obtained alcohol beverages from you when you did not properly check for identification. Minors who misrepresent their age and cause a licensee to be fined or have a license suspended or revoked, are civilly liable for damages sustained by the licensee.

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