

**Disclaimer:**

This document is not intended to provide legal advice. Laws on alcohol sales and service may vary greatly by city, county or state. For complete information on the alcohol laws in effect in your region, please contact the liquor authority in your state and/or municipality.

## Colorado

<b>STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY</b>	State of Colorado Department of Revenue Division of Liquor/Tobacco Enforcement 1881 Pierce Street, Suite 108A Lakewood, Colorado 80214-1495 Phone: 303-205-2300 Fax: 303-205-2341 Email: <a href="mailto:LED@spike.dor.state.co.us">LED@spike.dor.state.co.us</a> Website: <a href="https://www.colorado.gov/?pacific/enforcement/liquor">https://www.colorado.gov/?pacific/enforcement/liquor</a>
<b>AGE TO CONSUME</b>	21
<b>AGE TO SERVE</b>	18, if supervised by someone who is 21 over and except in taverns & retail liquor stores
<b>AGE TO POUR</b>	18, if supervised by someone who is 21 over and except in taverns & retail liquor stores
<b>AGE TO SELL (PACKAGED LIQUOR)</b>	21
<b>MINORS ALLOWED ON PREMISE?</b>	Minors are permitted in any establishment unless the establishment has house policies regarding admittance of minors.
<b>CAN PARENTS SERVE?</b>	It is unlawful for a licensee to serve or sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 21. Minors are allowed, by 18-13-122 CRS, to consume alcohol only in a private residence with their parent or legal guardian.
<b>HOURS OF SERVICE</b>	<b>On Premise Establishments:</b> Monday thru Sunday, 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. <b>Off Premise/Retail Stores:</b> Monday thru Saturday, 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. (must be closed on Christmas) No restrictions.
<b>ACCEPTED ID'S</b>	Any state issued, Canadian, Mexican or US territory issued driver's license; Military ID; Passport; State- Issued ID with Photo; Alien Registration Card; A valid employment card w/photo and DOB issued by immigration & Naturalization Service. Note: It is not required for someone to have an identification card on their person in order to be served alcohol in Colorado.
<b>LEGAL LEVEL OF INTOXICATION WHILE DRIVING</b>	.08 BAC
<b>DRAM SHOP LAW</b>	Licensees and their employees are NOT civilly liable for damages or injury to a guest or a third party injured by a guest UNLESS the licensee or server knowingly served a minor or an intoxicated guest. Social host (e.g., parents, etc.) are not liable unless the host knowingly provided alcohol or knowingly provided a place where minors could consume alcohol. In both cases, if a civil suit is brought, it must be within one year of the incident and the maximum judgment allowed is \$150,000. Also culinary schools and their instructors are not civilly liable for unauthorized alcohol consumption by minor students.
<b>ID CONFISCATION</b>	Establishments in Colorado may confiscate false IDs. Contact the Colorado Liquor Enforcement Division or local government for the relevant statutes and information
<b>HAPPY HOUR &amp; OTHER SERVICE RESTRICTIONS</b>	Colorado does not have specific Happy Hours laws. The law does allow a licensee to offer a food and drink combination for a special price. There is no difference between "happy hours," "drink specials" and "drink promotions."
<b>PENALTIES FOR SERVING OR SELLING TO A MINOR</b>	Class 2 misdemeanor punishable by 3-12 months imprisonment and/or \$250-\$1000 fine.
<b>WARNING SIGNS REQUIRED ON EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL ON FETUS?</b>	Not required. Check local requirements.

## **ADDENDUM: COLORADO'S DRAM SHOP LAW**

12-47-801.Civil liability - legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this section shall be interpreted so that any common law cause of action against a vendor of alcohol beverages is abolished and that in certain cases the consumption of alcohol beverages rather than the sale, service, or provision thereof is the proximate cause of injuries or damages inflicted upon another by an intoxicated person except as otherwise provided in this section.

(2) As used in this section, "licensee" means a person licensed under the provisions of this article or article 46 or 48 of this title and the agents or servants of such person.

(3) (a) No licensee is civilly liable to any injured individual or his or her estate for any injury to such individual or damage to any property suffered because of the intoxication of any person due to the sale or service of any alcohol beverage to such person, except when:

(I) It is proven that the licensee willfully and knowingly sold or served any alcohol beverage to such person who was under the age of twenty-one years or who was visibly intoxicated; and

(II) The civil action is commenced within one year after such sale or service.

(b) No civil action may be brought pursuant to this subsection (3) by the person to whom the alcohol beverage was sold or served or by his or her estate, legal guardian, or dependent.

(c) In any civil action brought pursuant to this subsection (3), the total liability in any such action shall not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars.

(4) (a) No social host who furnishes any alcohol beverage is civilly liable to any injured individual or his or her estate for any injury to such individual or damage to any property suffered, including any action for wrongful death, because of the intoxication of any person due to the consumption of such alcohol beverages, except when:

(I) It is proven that the social host knowingly served any alcohol beverage to such person who was under the age of twenty-one years or knowingly provided the person under the age of twenty-one a place to consume an alcoholic beverage; and

(II) The civil action is commenced within one year after such service.

(b) No civil action may be brought pursuant to this subsection (4) by the person to whom such alcohol beverage was served or by his or her estate, legal guardian, or dependent.

(c) The total liability in any such action shall not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars.

(4.5) An instructor or entity that complies with section 18-13-122(3)(c), C.R.S. shall not be liable for civil damages resulting from the intoxication of a minor due to the minor's unauthorized consumption of alcohol beverages during instruction in culinary arts, food service, or restaurant management pursuant to section 18-13-122(3)(c), C.R.S.

(5) (a) The limitations on damages set forth in paragraph (c) of subsection (3) and paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of this section shall be adjusted for inflation as of January 1, 1998. The adjustment made on January 1, 1998, shall be based on the cumulative annual adjustment for inflation for each year since the effective date of the damages limitations of paragraph (c) of subsection (3) and paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of this section. The adjustment made pursuant to this paragraph (a) shall be rounded upward or downward to the nearest ten-dollar increment.

(b) As used in this subsection (5), "inflation" means the annual percentage change in the United States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, consumer price index for Denver-Boulder, all items, all urban consumers, or its successor index.

(c) The secretary of state shall certify the adjusted limitation on damages within fourteen days after the appropriate information is available, and such adjusted limitation on damages shall be the limitation applicable to all claims for relief that accrue on or after January 1, 1998.