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Connecticut

STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY	State of Connecticut Division of Liquor Control 165 Capitol Avenue Hartford, Connecticut 06106 Phone: 860-713-6200 Fax: 860-713-7235 Web site: www.ct.gov/dcp
AGE TO CONSUME	21
AGE TO SERVE	18
AGE TO POUR	18
AGE TO SELL (PACKAGED LIQUOR)	18 (15 for grocery store employees)
MINORS ALLOWED ON PREMISE?	Minors are not permitted in a barroom unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
CAN PARENTS SERVE?	It is unlawful to serve or sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 21. However, parents and legal guardians may serve their children alcohol.
HOURS OF SERVICE	On Premise Establishments: Monday thru Thursday: 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 a.m. Friday thru Saturday: 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. Sunday: 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 a.m. Off Premise/Retail Establishments: Monday thru Saturday, 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Closed Sunday ~No restrictions~
ACCEPTED ID'S	Any state driver's license with photo; military id; passport; state-issued id with photo; alien registration card (i.e., green card)
LEGAL LEVEL OF INTOXICATION WHILE DRIVING	.08 BAC
DRAM SHOP LAW	Licensees and their employees are NOT civilly liable for damages or injury caused by a guest over 21 years or age. Judgments are set at a maximum of \$ 250,000
ID CONFISCATION	Rather than confiscate the ID, the licensee may require the guest whose age is in doubt to sign a sworn statement, on forms provided by the state that they are of age and understand the penalties for misrepresenting their age to purchase alcohol. In addition, the licensee may take a photo of the guest and make a photocopy of the ID of the guest in question. Both of these may be used as a defense in the event the licensee is charged with serving a minor.
HAPPY HOUR & OTHER SERVICE RESTRICTIONS	Licensees may not offer single-priced, unlimited service drink specials or encourage or promote any organized game which awards alcohol as a prize or promotes excessive drinking.
PENALTIES FOR SERVING OR SELLING TO A MINOR	Class 2 misdemeanor punishable by 3-12 months imprisonment and/or \$250- \$1000 fine.
WARNING SIGNS REQUIRED ON EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL ON FETUS?	Not required by state. Check local requirements.

ADDENDUM: CONNECTICUT'S DRAM SHOP LAW

Sec. 30-102. Dram Shop Act; liquor seller liable for damage by intoxicated person. No negligence cause of action for sale to person twenty-one years of age or older. If any person, by such person or such person's agent, sells any alcoholic liquor to an intoxicated person, and such purchaser, in consequence of such intoxication, thereafter injures the person or property of another, such seller shall pay just damages to the person injured, up to the amount of two hundred fifty thousand dollars, or to persons injured in consequence of such intoxication up to an aggregate amount of two hundred fifty thousand dollars, to be recovered in an action under this section, provided the aggrieved person or persons shall give written notice to such seller within sixty days of the occurrence of such injury to person or property of such person's or persons' intention to bring an action under this section. In computing such sixty-day period, the time between the death or incapacity of any aggrieved person and the appointment of an executor, administrator, conservator or guardian of such person's estate shall be excluded, except that the time so excluded shall not exceed one hundred twenty days. Such notice shall specify the time, the date and the person to whom such sale was made, the name and address of the person injured or whose property was damaged, and the time, date and place where the injury to person or property occurred. No action under the provisions of this section shall be brought but within one year from the date of the act or omission complained of. Such injured person shall have no cause of action against such seller for negligence in the sale of alcoholic liquor to a person twenty-one years of age or older.