

Licenseses' Action Plan

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Here are some key actions to consider and help you and your staff get ready.

Activity	Actioned
Temporary licences for special events - Apply online via the VCGLR website at least 6 weeks in advance if holding a special event.	
RSA register – Check that your staff are up-to-date with their RSA training (Current certificate and electronic OK)	
<p>Brief your staff and remind them about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VCGLR Intoxication Guidelines to help your staff identify signs of intoxication (allocate RSA monitors if possible) and role play 'how to refuse service with tact' • House policy- in relation to minors on premises, drink spiking, fights or intoxicated patrons. • Use of fake IDs • Only accept approved forms of ID: (really check the ID, hold it, ask questions, ask for second form of ID) • Acceptable ID includes: Australian driver licence, Victorian learner permit, Proof of age card, Keypass card (both new and old design acceptable), Australian or foreign passport • Record all incidents in your incident register 	
<p>Crowd Control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure you have enough crowd controllers on duty to manage crowds and monitor your maximum patron capacity numbers and queues. (check your licence) • Brief your crowd controllers of your expectations. (particularly to double check IDs) • Monitor your door to ensure underage and intoxicated/drunken people are not admitted • Regularly check those 'out of sight' areas in your venue where minors might sneak in. 	
<p>Amenity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display posters at exits that say 'quiet please' respect our neighbourhood • Clean up outdoor surrounds at the end of trading 	
Police - Contact local police, in advance, to advise of any special events you are hosting.	
CCTV – Check your cameras are working and directed in the required areas.	
Liquor forum - Attend your next liquor forum and share event details and schedules with other members of your local liquor forum (if applicable)	
<p>Advertising and promotions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't hold drinking competitions or offer discounted drinks that encourage rapid or excessive alcohol consumption • Read the guidelines on VCGLR website 	
<p>Prevent intoxication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make free water readily available (it's mandatory) at key stations around your venue. • Promote non-alcoholic drinks • Provide food and entertainment to help take attention away from drinking excessively • Designate a RSA officer to monitor the crowd to prevent drinking to excess 	
<p>Other measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic glasses - consider using plastic glasses • Monitor toilets – for drug and alcohol consumption • First aid - Have first aid trained staff available • No shots – have a 'no shots' policy 	

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Packaged Liquor Licensees’ Action Plan

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Packaged liquor venues and bottle shops

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<p>Brief your staff and remind them about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refuse service to any adult you reasonably suspect is going to supply alcohol to an underage person • Only accept <u>approved forms of ID</u>: (really check the ID, hold it, ask questions, ask for second form of ID) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian driver licence • Victorian learner permit • Proof of age card • Keypass card (format has recently changed) • Australian or foreign passport • Your house policy and what it says in relation to secondary supply and intoxicated patrons • VCGLR <u>Intoxication Guidelines</u> to help your staff identify signs of intoxication • Role play ‘how to refuse service with tact’ • Record all incidents in your incident register 	
<p>RSA register</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check to make sure all your staff are up-to-date with their RSA training (Current certificate and electronic OK) 	
<p>Advertising and promotions - Read the <u>guidelines on VCGLR website</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure you are not encouraging underage drinking or offering discounted drinks that encourage rapid or excessive alcohol consumption 	
<p>Check your signage</p>	
<p>Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCTV – Check your cameras are working and directed in the required areas. • Security guard – hire one if required and make sure they are fully briefed about your expectations. 	

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