

**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.*

## Washington

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<b>AGE TO CONSUME</b>	21
<b>AGE TO SERVE</b>	18
<b>AGE TO POUR</b>	18
<b>AGE TO SELL (PACKAGED LIQUOR)</b>	18
<b>MINORS ALLOWED ON PREMISE?</b>	Minors are not permitted in taverns or cocktail lounges. Drivers under 21 years old are subject to loss of their driver's license if their BAC is .02 or more. Minors are not allowed to consume alcohol either on or off a licensed premise.
<b>CAN PARENTS SERVE THEIR MINOR CHILD?</b>	Not allowed
<b>HOURS OF SERVICE</b>	On Premise Establishments: Monday thru Sunday - 6:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. A licensee may close his premises at any time. If there are patrons currently finishing a meal and/or their beverages, the licensee may allow them to finish and does not have to remove alcoholic beverages as long as the consumption or possession does not occur after 2 a.m. However, once closed, the premises may not continue to sell liquor to patrons. Off Premise/Retail Stores: Monday thru Sunday, 6:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. State Liquor Stores: Hours vary by store. Most open around 10:00 a.m. and close by 8:00 p.m. Stores in major metro areas are generally open until 10:00 p.m. All stores are closed on Sunday. No restrictions
<b>ACCEPTED ID'S</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Liquor control authority ID card of any state or province of Canada</li> <li>▪ Driver's license, instruction permit, or identification card of any state or province of Canada, or "identocard" issued by Washington state</li> <li>▪ US military ID card issued to active duty, reserve, and retired personnel and the personnel's dependents</li> <li>▪ Passport</li> <li>▪ Merchant Marine ID card issued by the United States Coast Guard.</li> <li>▪ Acceptable ID's must: show the person's photo, date of birth, signature, and expiration date; and not be expired (except that an expired Washington driver's license card together with a current temporary paper license or a current expiration extension sticker is acceptable).</li> </ul>
<b>LEGAL LEVEL OF INTOXICATION WHILE DRIVING</b>	.08 BAC
<b>DRAM SHOP LAW</b>	No legislation. Some case law.
<b>ID CONFISCATION</b>	Licensees may not confiscate an ID they believe to be false. Licensees are urged to call local law enforcement officials or their local liquor agent and advise them of the situation.

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**HAPPY HOUR & OTHER  
SERVICE RESTRICTIONS**

Licensees may not offer two-for-one drink specials or encourage any activity which promotes excessive drinking. The Board can take action against any liquor licensee who promotes over-consumption or consumption by persons under 21. The law allows a licensee to offer a food and drink combination for a special price as long as no liquor is sold below the cost of acquisition. The law differentiates between "happy hour", "drink specials" and/or "promotions." Happy hour is a specific time of day; drink specials can be by house policy but cannot be sold below cost of acquisition; promotions must be approved by the Advertising Coordinator at the LCB.

**PENALTIES FOR SERVING OR  
SELLING TO A MINOR**

Gross misdemeanor punishable by up to \$5,000 fine and/or up to 1 year imprisonment.

**WARNING SIGNS REQUIRED  
ON EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL ON  
FETUS?**

Birth defects from alcohol warning required. The board shall cause to be posted in conspicuous places, in a number determined by the board, within each state liquor store, notices in print not less than one inch high warning persons that consumption of alcohol shortly before conception or during pregnancy may cause birth defects, including fetal alcohol syndrome and fetal alcohol effects.