



STATE OF ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR LICENSES AND CONTROL

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The Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control (Department) is committed to ensuring public safety through education, prevention and enforcement when appropriate. One of the agency's highest priorities is to prevent the sale of alcohol to underage persons. This goal can only be achieved with the support and cooperation of licensed liquor establishments that are required under the law to act responsibly and not sell alcohol to underage persons.

The Department utilizes a covert underage buyer (CUB) program wherein underage buyers are deployed by Department investigators to determine if a licensed establishment is selling alcohol to underage persons. Initially, this occurs when a complaint of such activity is alleged to the Department.

Education and collaboration is the Department's preferred approach to preventing underage liquor sales. The primary applicable statutes that licensees are encouraged to train and discuss with their employees include:

- **ARS 4-241.A, Requires the licensee or their employees to properly inspect identification from ANY potential underage buyer, and ensure the sale is legal.**
- **ARS 4-241.K, Prohibits the licensee or their employees from accepting an Arizona vertical ID 30 days after a person's 21st birthday.**
- **ARS 4-244.9, Makes it illegal to furnish alcohol to any underage person.**

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The Department takes an aggressive stand against the sale of alcohol to underage persons and will be implementing an even more vigorous enforcement posture utilizing the CUB program. The Department asks for your cooperation and attention to Arizona law so together we can keep alcohol out of the hands of underage persons.

Sincerely,

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