

Can I give alcohol away?

It is not a violation to give alcohol away. However, there are some issues you should be aware of; you may not give alcohol away to avoid any provision of the Liquor Control Act. You may not give alcohol away to a person who is visibly intoxicated. You may not give away more than one free drink to a person at a time. You may not give away a free drink as part of or as a condition of a purchase of another drink. You may not give away a free drink as part of a cover or entry charge to your business. You may not give alcohol away in any circumstances that would also prohibit you from selling the alcohol.

Can I sell alcohol on Election Day?

Yes there are no restrictions on selling alcohol on Election Day in Nebraska law.

When can minors be in bars?

There is no NLCC regulation or state statute that prohibits minors from being in a bar at any time, however there may be some local ordinance that sets specific hours and circumstances where minors may be in liquor establishments – check with your city and or county clerk for more information.

Can bartenders drink on duty?

There is no NLCC regulation or state statute that prohibits bartenders or other staff members from consuming alcohol while on duty, however there may be a local ordinance – check with your city and or county clerk for more information. However it is not allowed for a staff member to be visibly intoxicated and consuming alcohol while on duty or on the license premise.

Can people be in liquor establishments after hours?

There is no NLCC regulation or state statute that prohibits anyone from being inside a business holding a liquor license after legal hours of sale as long as alcohol is not being consumed.

Can employees/owners drink after hours?

No, there are no exceptions to alcohol being consumed or sold after hours.

If I rent out my business for a private party or event is the renter the only one responsible for violations?

The liquor license holder and their employees are responsible for complying with the liquor control act and NLCC regulations even if the business is closed to the public for an event.

Can people play cards in a business with a liquor license?

Yes as long as there isn't any gambling for a more detailed explanation of gambling see the Gambling FAQ Link.

At what age can you serve, sell or stock?

At 16 years old, an employee may stock, sack and carry out alcoholic beverages from licensed establishments. This employee must be supervised by a person 21 years of age or older (can be the customer/purchaser)

At 19 years old, an employee may serve, sell and dispense alcoholic beverages. They may also place orders and accept deliveries of alcoholic beverages from a licensed wholesaler at the premise.