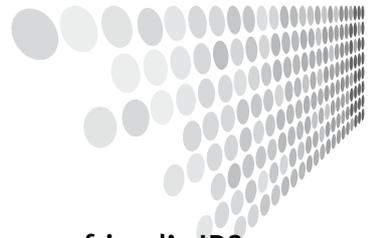


Alcohol and minors

(persons under 18 years)



Am I a minor?

Under the law, you are a minor if you are under 18 years of age.

In most cases, as a minor, you are not allowed to be on a licensed premises (unless you are an 'exempt minor').

If you are under 18 years of age on a licensed premises, you risk an on the spot fine of \$300.

What is an exempt minor?

An exempt minor is a person under 18 years of age who is:

- a resident on the licensed premises
- an employee at the licensed premises
- performing duties in the conduct of a lawful business/ receiving training for employment or work experience
- attending a function on the licensed premises
- engaged in eating a meal on the licensed premises
- in the immediate company and being supervised by a responsible adult.

Is it illegal to drink in a public place?

Yes. You can be fined or arrested if found drinking in a public place. This includes parks and beaches. An on-the-spot fine of \$100 for adults and \$225 for minors can be issued.

What ID is accepted in pubs and clubs?

Four forms of identification are acceptable in licensed venues:

- a current driver licence or learner permit
- a current passport (from any country)
- proof-of-age card (Card 18+)
- a Victorian Keypass.

Foreign driver licences are also accepted as evidence of age providing they have a photo and date of birth of the licence holder. Where a foreign driver licence is not written in English, an international driver permit issued in the foreign country of origin (and including a photo of the licence holder and translation) must be presented with the foreign driver licence.

Can a friend, who is over 18, buy me alcohol?

No. It is illegal to supply alcohol to a minor on licensed premises or in a public place. If your friend buys or supplies alcohol for you, you can be hit with an on-the-spot fine of \$225 and your friend can be fined \$1000 if they provide you with alcohol at a licensed premises or \$750 in a public place – both on-the-spot fines. It is even illegal for a minor to hold a friend's drink, or help carry a carton of beer in a public place.

For further information, please contact the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation on 13 13 04 or visit www.olgr.qld.gov.au

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What happens if I borrow a friend's ID?

It is illegal to use someone else's ID to attempt to gain entry to licensed premises. Not only are you breaking the law, but so is your friend. You can receive an on-the-spot fine of up to \$300 and your friend who lent you the ID can be fined up to \$500. Plus, the ID is required to be confiscated.

It is also illegal to alter an ID (including changing the date of birth), with a possible on-the-spot fine of up to \$400. If you make a false ID, you could receive an on-the-spot fine of \$600.

What can I do if my ID is confiscated?

Under the law, if a security guard or bartender thinks your ID is fake or it does not belong to you, by law they must take it from you. They will send it to the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation. A letter will then be forwarded to the owner of the ID, requesting that they contact an investigator in relation to the confiscation.

If the ID is real and you have not borrowed it from a friend, it will be given back to you. However, if it is fake or you lent it to a friend, an infringement notice or complaint and summons may be issued and the ID will be kept as evidence for court purposes.

Can I be stopped from entering a licensed premises?

If you are underage and enter or attempt to enter a licensed premises (and you are not an exempt minor), you are breaking the law.

It is the responsibility of the licensee and staff to ensure you don't enter the premises and therefore they must refuse your entry.

If you refuse to leave immediately, you can expect a fine of \$400. If you enter or attempt to enter after being refused, you can be fined an additional \$400.

What happens if I make it into a licensed premises without detection?

If you are underage, expect to receive an on-the-spot fine of \$300. You may also receive a further on-the-spot fine of \$225 if you are in possession or have consumed liquor. You may not be the only person fined - the licensee and staff may also be prosecuted and fined up to \$25 000. Staff could even lose their jobs.

Additional penalties

Not only can you receive an on-the-spot fine, but you may have to face court where maximum penalties can apply. This means you may receive a fine of up to \$2500 for each offence you commit.

