

Fact Sheet No RGL

KNOWING YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS HOLDER OF A SPECIAL LICENCE

Special Liquor Licence holders are responsible for ensuring that harm is minimised as a result of the sale and consumption of liquor and that you are providing a safe environment for the people attending your function. The *Liquor Act* sets out a range of offences for which the licensee may be liable. These include, but are not limited to:

- Sale of liquor to an intoxicated person or permitting an intoxicated person to remain on licensed premises.
- Sale of liquor to a minor (under 18).
- Sale of adulterated liquor.
- Permitting riotous conduct on or at licensed premises.

In addition, if you are granted a Special Licence you must observe the conditions of the Special Licence. For example, some standard conditions require that:

- There are sufficient quantities of low alcohol beverage, soft drinks and water available to meet customer requirements.
- Persons under the age of 18 years must not be involved in the sale or supply of liquor.
- The sale of liquor at events where children and minors are the primary focus (such as school fete), is to be restricted to two hours late in the afternoon during daytime events and only light beer and wine are to be available, provided snacks are served. No spirits or premixed drinks are allowed.
- All liquor must be sold in open containers.
- The licensee shall not do, permit or suffer any act, matter or thing whatsoever upon the licensed premises or any part thereof, which shall or may be to the annoyance, nuisance, grievance or disturbance of the occupiers or owners, for the time being, of the adjoining properties or the residential neighbourhood.
- The licensee shall provide adequate security.

Licences may be suspended or cancelled or penalties may be imposed for breaches of either the *Liquor Act*, the Code of Conduct or licence conditions.

A licensee may also be subject to civil liability for any injury or damage sustained by a patron who is or becomes intoxicated within the licensed premises. This liability may extend to injury or damage sustained after the patron has left the licensed premises.

