

LIQUOR LIABILITY

We realize that obtaining liquor liability for events that include alcohol can be a confusing process. We would like to give you a brief outline of who needs this extra coverage, how to get it and how much it costs.

Liquor Liability is needed if you are “in the business of selling, serving or furnishing alcoholic beverages.” Our experience has been that you are considered as “in the business of” if you advertise that alcohol will be served (either on promotional posters or the admission tickets) or if there is any exchange of money (“donations” are considered exchange of money) for the alcohol. Your city or county officials should determine if your event requires a liquor license.

A license from the State of Iowa is needed if the above applies to the event. Liquor license applications are now completed online at www.iowaabd.com

The website will guide you through the application process. There are two particular parts of the application that seem to be confusing. The application asks for Name of Applicant. This should always be the **corporate name** of your church or school, not the person completing the application. The next line is “DBA” (abbreviation for “doing business as”). You may enter the name of your event or simply input your corporate name again. The effective date should **always be the first day that alcohol will be served** on your premises in conjunction with the event.

The application asks for the name of the insurance carrier providing the liquor liability (or dram shop) coverage. If the event ends *before* 9:00 pm, please enter Scottsdale Insurance Company. If the event ends *after* 9:00 pm, please enter Founders Insurance Company.

After you have completed the application successfully, the website site will indicate that your application is “approved pending dram”. At this point, please contact Kay Goodwin at Molyneaux Insurance 563-324-1011 or 800-713-6930.

An application has to be submitted before the certificate can be issued. You will be asked questions about the event, such as how many people attend, the average age group, what type of event, the hours of the event and the type and quantity of alcohol being served.

The application will be approved and the certificate will be issued online with the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division, usually within 7 business days.

The premium charge for one-day events ending *before* 9:00pm is approximately \$265. The premium charge for one day events ending *after* 9:00pm is between \$450-\$750, depending on the type of event and number of people in attendance. Premium for multiple-day events will be quoted by the insurance company.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office with any questions you may have.

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