

DOES YOUR PARISH SERVE ALCOHOL OR LIQUOR AT EVENTS?

Check out this link to make sure you are up-to-date on the guidelines:

ALCOHOL INFO: Beer and wine DO require banquet permit (or special occasion license.) See below.

Requirement:

The parish must always comply with WA State Liquor Board regulations.

<http://liq.wa.gov/licensing/special-licenses-and-permits> (see below for some helpful info from this website)

Best Practice:

- Consider hiring a bartender, or at least recruit parishioners with hospitality/bartending experience, who can best determine if someone is intoxicated. Designated server should not drink during the event
- Never leave drinks unattended, especially with minors around
- Alcohol should be confined to certain areas (beer gardens, bar areas, etc.). While not always possible, this limits the chance of alcohol getting too far away from the event
- Minors cannot serve alcohol, or clear bottles or glasses of alcohol (if the kids were to be servers at a dinner, for example.)

One-Time-Only Events The Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (WSLCB) issues three licenses and permits for one-time-only events:

- available online **Special Occasion License:** Allows a bona fide nonprofit organization to sell liquor at a specified date, time and place. Special Occasion License applications are . Examples include a fundraising dinner, gala event, auction, or wine tasting.
- available online **Banquet Permit:** Allows the service and consumption of liquor at a private, invitation-only banquet or gathering held in a public place or business. Banquet Permits are . Examples include weddings, company banquets, retirement parties, or club, organization or church events.
- **Raffle Permit:** Allows a bona fide nonprofit organization to raffle liquor to its members at a specified date and place. Applications are available online or by calling (360) 664-1600.

Special license or permit holders must follow state liquor and tobacco laws and regulations during their event. A WSLCB enforcement officer may visit a licensed event to check compliance with state liquor and tobacco laws and regulations. The license or permit must be prominently displayed at the event.