

Citations from California Law Related to Alcoholic Beverages

1. No person may sell, furnish, give or cause to be sold, furnished, or given away, any alcoholic beverage to a person under the age of 21, and no person under the age of 21 may purchase alcoholic beverages. (California Business and Professions Code, [Sec. 25658](#))
2. It is unlawful for a person under the age of 21 to possess alcoholic beverages on any street or highway or in any public place or in any place open to public view. (California Business and Professions Code, [Sec. 25662](#))
3. It is a misdemeanor to sell alcoholic beverages any place in the State of California without a proper license issued by the California State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. (California Business and Professions Code, [Sec. 23300](#))
4. "Sell" or "sale" and "to sell" includes any transaction whereby, for any consideration, the title to the alcoholic beverage is transferred from one person to another" (California Business and Professions Code, [Sec. 23025](#)) The sale of alcoholic beverages includes, but is not necessarily limited to, service at an open bar, registered or ticketed events that offer alcohol along with other amenities such as food and entertainment, or a fee is charged for entrance to an event where an alcoholic beverage is included with the event fee or where alcoholic beverages will be served.
5. No licensee shall, directly or indirectly, give any premium gift, free goods, or other product of value in connection with the sale, distribution, or sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages, and no retailer shall directly or indirectly, receive any premium gift, free goods, or other products of value from a supplier of alcoholic beverages, except as authorized by this rule or the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act. (California Business and Professions Code, [Sec. 25600](#))
6. It is a misdemeanor to sell, furnish, or give away an alcoholic beverage to any obviously intoxicated person. (California Business and Professions Code, [Sec. 25602](#))
7. It is unlawful to issue a license to fraternities, sororities, or other student organization to sell alcoholic beverages. (California Penal Code, [Sec. 172e](#))
8. Any person found in a public place to be under the influence of an intoxicating liquor, drug, or controlled substance and unable to care for his/her own safety or who interferes with the use of a public way is guilty of disorderly conduct, which is a misdemeanor. (California Penal Code, [Sec. 647\(f\)](#))