

**THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL
PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING
OHIO'S LIQUOR LAWS**



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In order to drink or purchase beer and intoxicating liquor, which includes paying for, sharing in the cost of and attempting to buy it, an individual must be 21 years of age or older.

PENALTY: *If the individual is under 18 years of age, they are subject to punishment by juvenile court. If the individual is 18 or older, they are subject to a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or up to six months in jail (1st degree misdemeanor).*

It is against the law to knowingly show or give false information about name, age or other identification if under the age of 21 and trying to buy beer or intoxicating liquor. It is also against the law for a person to falsely identify the name, age or any other information of another person under 21 so that person can get beer or intoxicating liquor either by purchase or as a gift.

PENALTY: *If the individual is under 18 years of age, they are subject to punishment by juvenile court. If the individual is 18 or older, they are subject to a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or up to six months in jail (1st degree misdemeanor). An individual who uses a fake driver's license to buy beer or intoxicating liquor may also lose driving privileges for a year. In addition, an individual who loans their driver's license to another for the purchase of beer or intoxicating liquor may also lose driving privileges for a year and is subject to a fine of up to \$400 and/or up to six months in jail.*

It is illegal for any person other than the state to manufacture, sell or distribute in any manner, any identification card issued for the purpose of establishing a person's age that displays the great seal of Ohio, the words "Ohio," "State," "Official," or any other designation that represents the card as the official identification card of Ohio.

PENALTY: *Subject to a fine of up to \$2,500 and/or up to five years in jail (4th degree felony).*

No one can legally sell, give, or furnish beer or intoxicating liquor to an individual under 21 years of age except a physician in the regular line of their practice or given for established religious purposes, or unless the individual under 21 is accompanied by a spouse of legal age, a parent or legal guardian.

PENALTY: *Subject to a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 and/or up to six months in jail (misdemeanor).*

It is illegal for a person under 21 years of age to possess any beer or intoxicating liquor in any public or private place, unless accompanied by a parent, spouse, or legal guardian, or unless the beer or intoxicating liquor is given by a physician in the regular line of their practice or given for established religious purposes.

PENALTY: *If the individual is under 18 years of age, they are subject to punishment by juvenile court. If the individual is 18 or older, they are subject to a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or up to six months in jail (1st degree misdemeanor).*

No one can drink beer or intoxicating liquor in a motor vehicle – including such things as automobiles, recreational vehicles and boats.

PENALTY: *Subject to a fine of up to \$250 and/or up to 30 days in jail (4th degree misdemeanor).*

No one can possess an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor in or on a motor vehicle, stationary or moving, on any street, highway or other public or private property open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking.

PENALTY: *Subject to a fine of up to \$100 (minor misdemeanor).*