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Alcohol use in Facilities in the Diocese of Sioux City

From time to time clarification is requested regarding conducting events at parish and school facilities when alcohol is involved. Essentially the code of conduct follows the Iowa Liquor code which applies the following:

Beer, wine & champagne can be served in a public venue when supplied by the host and served free of charge. Guests are not allowed to bring their own alcohol to any licensed or unlicensed public venue.

The Department of Alcohol has jurisdiction over public venues that might be in the business of distributing alcohol. The State of Iowa Alcohol Beverages Division does not preside over the use and serving of alcohol in a private residence. However, if the alcohol is being sold at the private residence, then the Division does have jurisdiction.

A host may provide beer, wine & champagne in an unlicensed public venue if it is given away free of charge. If money exchanges hands in the same event as alcohol being provided a liquor license is required by the State of Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division.

"Liquor (spirits) can only be served in a public venue that is licensed for alcohol distribution", per the State of Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division.

It is the responsibility of the HOST to obtain the permit/license. One of the requirements to obtain a permit/license is to provide evidence of dram shop coverage.

- As the host a parish obtains this insurance policy through Catholic Mutual Group.
- o As the host a patron for a non-parish sponsored event is responsible for obtaining their own dram shop policy in the open insurance market.

Summary:

Beer, wine and champagne can be served by the host

Spirits can never be served in an unlicensed public venue.

Money + alcohol = liquor license/dram shop.

BYOB = Never