



STATE OF MARYLAND FREDERICK COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD



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EDUCATIONAL BULLETIN

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The purpose of the monthly Educational Bulletin is to educate licensees on trending non-compliance items that are being seen during inspections.

For those asking, Renewal Applications have been delayed and will be emailed at the beginning of February.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 301-600-2984 or LiquorBoard@FrederickCountyMD.gov

1. **Sales to Minor Compliance Initiative**-Compliance checks will be conducted randomly at all licensed establishments in Frederick County throughout 2024. The goal is to reduce youth access to alcohol and protect public health, welfare, and safety within our community. These random compliance checks are performed with an underage volunteer, that possess their valid, state-issued driver's license or identification card, which is provided to every establishment who asks for identification. If the server/clerk asks the individual their age, the volunteer is required to reply truthfully.
2. **2023 Alcohol Sales Compliance Check Update**-Between September and November 2023, The Frederick County Board of Licensed Commissioners supported a Sales to Minor compliance initiative of 31 alcohol licensed establishments in Frederick County. Of the 31 licenses inspected, 12 passed and **19 sold alcohol to underage buyers**. This is a failure rate of **61%**. Please see the [News Release](#) for more information and a list of pass/fail establishments.

Since compliance check failure rates are so high, the Board has added additional training for licensees and employees.

AVAILABLE TRAININGS

3. **Alcohol Awareness Training (SAS-Safe Alcohol Service)**-The Board has approval from the State of Maryland to offer Alcohol Awareness Classes. The purpose of this class is to influence behavior to encourage responsible drinking, reduce over service and intoxication, and to provide a collaborative approach to prevent the misuse of alcohol. Ultimately, the purpose is to be able to acknowledge and understand the difference between drinking responsibly and becoming intoxicated. Full time license holders are required to have 50% of those serving or selling alcohol to have alcohol awareness training. The fee is \$50 per person and certification is good for 4 years and recognized throughout Maryland. Class opportunities are listed below and on our [website](#).
4. **Alcohol Beverage License Education (ABLE Training)**- This is a **FREE** class available for all licensees, managers, employees, and anyone in the alcohol service. This class is designed to assist you in reviewing and obtaining an understanding of the laws and regulations that surround having an alcoholic beverage license in Frederick County. This is a 45–60-minute class that is available **FREE** in person or virtually. Class opportunities are listed below and on our [website](#).
5. **Violation Prevention Class**-Is hosted by the Board twice a year and is taught by contracted industry professionals. This class is specifically designed to teach licensees and employees how and when to request ID, how to determine if the ID is legitimate, if it's legal to sell to that person, and how to prevent a Sale to Minors violation. This class is **FREE** to any establishment that has **NOT** been charged with a violation. If your establishment has been **charged with a violation**, there is a one-time fee of \$200 (regardless how many people attend from your establishment). This class will be held at the **Prospect Center, Room E, 585 Himes Avenue Frederick, MD**. Class opportunities are listed below and on our [website](#).

ALCOHOL AWARENESS CLASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 6:00PM
In-Person at Amvets-Thurmont
26 Apples Church Rd, Thurmont MD 21788

To register for this class, contact us at
LiquorBoard@FrederickCountyMD.gov or
301-600-2984

Limited-Virtual Class
Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 8:30AM
To register for this class, submit a [registration form](#).

Fee is \$50/person for all classes.
Cash/Check/Credit Card are accepted.

ABLE Training

FREE CLASS FOR ALL LICENSEES and EMPLOYEES

Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 9:00AM

In-Person 1501 Tilco Drive, Unit C,
Frederick

or

Online Using TEAMS app
[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Visit our [website](#) for more class dates.

VIOLATION PREVENTION CLASS

CLASS FOR ALL LICENSEES and EMPLOYEES

Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 10:00AM
Or

Thursday, September 19, 2024,
at 10:00AM

In-Person Prospect Center, Room E
585 Himes Avenue, Frederick

Visit our [website](#) to register!