

# HOST RESPONSIBILITY AND ALCOHOL

## A Guide to Being a Responsible Host

An initiative of Population Health, Hawke's Bay District Health Board.

The Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act (SASAA) 2012 aims to improve New Zealand's drinking culture and to reduce the harm caused by excessive drinking.

Host Responsibility is a set of strategies to help create safer drinking environments. The aim is to reduce intoxication and the associated harms by focusing on the provision of alcohol and the setting in which alcohol is consumed.

**Host Responsibility is based on six key concepts.**

**A responsible host:**

- 1) **Prevents intoxication**
- 2) **Does not serve alcohol to minors**
- 3) **Provides and actively promotes free drinking water, low alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks**
- 4) **Provides and actively promotes substantial food**
- 5) **Serves alcohol responsibly**
- 6) **Arranges safe transport options.**

To help ensure your premise is a good host, we recommend you write a host responsibility policy and a host responsibility implementation plan. **It is likely that these documents will be required as part of your liquor licence application.**

A host responsibility policy should be displayed so your guests can see what options you have available. See the example template accompanying this document 'Sample Host Responsibility Policy'.

A host responsibility implementation plan provides guidelines for you and your staff to follow to help ensure you have systems in place to create a safe drinking environment. See our document 'Preparing a Host Responsibility Implementation Plan'.

For further information visit: <http://alcohol.org.nz/alcohol-management-laws/managing-alcohol/host-responsibility>

**We are here to help. Feel free to contact us with any questions.**

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