

Guidelines to Request Police and Parking Services Staff For University Events

The legal alcohol consumption age in California is 21 years. Those under 21 years of age are considered minors and therefore cannot be given, sold, or consume alcohol. The Alcohol Beverage Control Board (ABC) strictly regulates the sale of alcohol beverages.

Sonoma State University maintains exclusive rights to “sale” and regulate the distribution of alcoholic beverages on campus.

This form¹ must accompany the completed Request for Use of University Facilities form, if applicable, from the Events Office or Student Union (for SU events).

Events where Police and Parking Services staff may be required include the following:

- Any event where 100 or more persons are expected to attend and alcohol is served.
- Student events where alcohol is served, regardless of the number of persons in attendance.
- Official undergraduate events (regular student group meetings excluded), regardless of whether or not alcohol is served.
- Other events open to the public, to protect attendees and safeguard university property, as deemed necessary by the Chief of Police.

The sponsoring organization of the event where alcohol is served is responsible for assuring that persons being served alcohol are of legal age. Faculty and staff moderators of student organizations are required to be present at their organization’s event if alcohol is served. Police Services will assist those who are in charge of the function with the enforcement of alcohol possession and consumption by anyone under 21 years of age. This assistance may include the control, eviction, or arrest of any person disregarding alcohol consumption regulations or who are causing a disturbance to the event or its attendees.

References:

SSU Alcohol Beverages’ Policy

Alcohol Beverage Control Act 24945.1 & ABC Regulations 59 & 59.5

Business and Professions Code 23004

¹ The Chief of Police reserves the right, by University Police, to require SSU Police Services’ staff at any event, where such event, lecturer, or topic of the event or lecture is known or expected to be controversial and/or disruptive.