



## MEDFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

**POLICY NO. 10.01**

# ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION

MASSACHUSETTS POLICE  
ACCREDITATION STANDARDS  
REFERENCED: NONE

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These guidelines are intended to provide the basic framework, which will be used when conducting underage drinking compliance checks on licensed premises.

- 1) Notification that an Alcohol Compliance check (sting) will be taking place will be made in the local media prior to the start date. Additional notifications will be determined by ABCC.
- 2) The underage person (preferable 19 or 20) taking part in the compliance check should reasonably look their age. Efforts to make them look older should be avoided.
- 3) A photo of underage person should be taken before compliance check and attached to the information requested in #6.
- 4) The operative may take a breathalyzer prior to conducting a Section 12 (pouring licenses). This is optional, but it proves no alcohol was consumed during the operation.
- 5) The operative is searched to see that they have no other licenses or identification on them, except their true, authentic, and valid vertical MASSACHUSETTS UNDER 21 DRIVER'S LICENSE. No other form of identification shall be carried when taking part in the compliance check. The operative may only use their Identification to gain access to an under age 21 establishment/event.

- 6) The operative shall only produce their identification when asked to enter an under age 21 establishment/event and must produce their true, authentic, and valid vertical MASSACHUSETTS UNDER 21 DRIVER'S LICENSE.
- 7) If the operative is asked for their age by the salesperson, the operative must answer with their true age identifying themselves as being under age twenty-one.
- 8) The operative shall sign a release form prior to the start of this program. The operative and investigating officers should also sign and date a copy of these guidelines. The operative will work with a Police Officer in an unmarked vehicle. Officer (in plain clothes) can wait in vehicle or go in with operative.
- 9) The operative asks for a drink (in section 12 licenses) or bring alcohol to check-out (in section 15 licenses.) The operative shall attempt to purchase the same alcoholic beverage at each location.
- 10) If asked for ID, the operative must leave the premises immediately, having no conversation with server or clerk. At no time, shall the operative attempt to misrepresent their age or provide identification (except for entrance to under 21 establishment/event).
- 11) The operative will pay for alcohol with monies provided by the police department. He/She pays for alcohol with \$5, \$10, or \$20 bill if service is made.
- 12) The operative reports immediately to Police Officer with all pertinent information.
- 13) Officer records the following:
  - A. No sale made, date, and time.
  - B. Sale made, date, and time.
  - C. Price of drink of alcohol.
  - D. Change is given to the officer. All must add up to see if clerk or server is pocketing any money.
  - E. Brand of alcohol or type of drink.
  - F. Name of server (if possible) or description.
- 14) Operative must never take possession or consume an alcoholic drink, just leave it in front of them. This liquor service may be witnessed by a police officer in plain clothes. The exception will be in package store, where they can handle, take possession, and bring it back to a Police Officer. This is permissible under Undercover Drug Law, (alcohol is a drug).
- 15) Police Officer never informs establishment of sale immediately, he does so at a later time.
- 16) After operation, operative will take a breathalyzer, if done at beginning.
- 17) The safety and welfare of all underage participants will be the utmost importance to the Medfield Police Department. Underage persons will not be exposed to any unusual, unnecessary or unreasonable risk.

- 18) The operative will not wear, exhibit, or carry any law enforcement identification or falsely represent themselves as an employee of this agency or any other law enforcement unit while participating in this program. They shall not under any circumstance carry a weapon.
- 19) Medfield Police Officers, ABCC Investigators, or other assigned Police Officers should only enter the premises to observe on an as needed basis when circumstances warrant.
- 20) Notice to licensees of alleged violations will be given upon conclusion of the compliance check. Official notification of date, time, and place of hearing will be sent to the licensee by licensing authority.

## UNDERAGE OPERATIVE:

## MEDFIELD POLICE OFFICER:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RELEASE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ reside at \_\_\_\_\_ and  
am \_\_\_\_\_ years of age. I hereby release and discharge the Medfield Police Department, its agents and insurers, from all claims, demands, damages, actions, or suits of any kind or nature, on account of any injury or damage to my person or property resulting from or arising out of my participation in any investigation undertaken by the Medfield Police Department.

I understand that I may be required to offer testimony in court or other legal proceedings as part of my participation in investigations by conducted by the Medfield Police Department and will fully comply with any notice or subpoena I may receive.

Signed under pains and penalties of perjury,

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**Signature**

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Date

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Print name

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Legal Guardian Signature

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Date

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## Witness

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**Signature**

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Date

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Print name