

Alcohol Takeout Best Practices for On-Premises Licensees

Alcohol Takeout

The Liquor and Cannabis Board recently adopted rules around <u>Senate Bill 5448</u>. The new law impacts takeout requirements for liquor licensees that hold the following temporary endorsements:

- Takeout/Delivery Factory Sealed Containers (bottles, cans, kegs)
- Takeout/Delivery Premixed Cocktails/Wine To-Go
- Takeout/Delivery Growlers

Endorsement Updates (Effective 7/1/2025)

As of July 1st, 2025, delivery of alcohol is no longer permitted for on-premises licensees. Liquor licensees holding these endorsements, are allowed to continue using them for **takeout service only**. These endorsement names have been updated to remove delivery, and will continue to be free of charge:

- Takeout Factory Sealed Containers (bottles, cans, kegs)
- Takeout Premixed Cocktails/Wine To-Go
- Takeout Growlers

Takeout Guide

For non-factory sealed containers, below are examples of allowable and non-allowable containers:

Allowed:

Not Allowed:



Best practices for compliant takeout of alcohol for licensees:

- Provide situational safety training, including:
 - Confrontation management;
 - Personal safety; and
 - When to involve law enforcement.
- Ask LCB officer about responsible liquor sales class, ID and over service.

Best practices for compliant takeout:

- ID verification:
 - Utilize ID scanning software to verify age; and
 - Physically hold and check the ID according to house policy. Look for signs of tampering and compare the ID to the person receiving alcohol.
- Contact law enforcement if:
 - Theft of product occurs
 - o Product is abandoned due to personal safety risk.
- In scenarios where you suspect someone of age is purchasing alcohol for minors check IDs of all persons present.
- If the recipient appears intoxicated, do not sell alcohol.

Relevant WACs and RCWs

RCW 66.20.320: Alcohol Servers, Education program, Fees, and Issuance of permits

RCW 66.20.310: Alcohol Servers, Permits, Requirements, Suspension, Revocation, Violations,

and Exemptions.

RCW 66.04.010: Definitions

WAC 314-11-025: Acceptable forms of Identification

RCW 66.44.200 and WAC 314-11-035: customers showing signs of intoxication

Any questions regarding takeout of alcohol, reach out to your LCB Enforcement Officer.