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REGARDING AXE THROWING AT LIQUOR LICENSED PREMISES
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NEW SECTION

WAC 314-03-060 Axe throwing at liquor licensed premises.

(1) Axe throwing combined with alcohol consumption is considered a high-risk activity. Licensees are encouraged to follow best practices in the industry as it relates to safe participation. The liquor licensee must receive approval from the board's licensing division prior to engaging in axe throwing at liquor licensed premises.

(2) The liquor licensee or liquor license applicant must submit a safety operating plan addressing how the licensee will mitigate safety concerns associated with axe throwing in liquor licensed establishments. The safety operating plan must include the following:

- (a) The hours that alcohol will be served on-premises;
- (b) Protocols for monitoring consumption and ensuring patrons are not intoxicated prior to axe throwing, including:
 - (i) Designated MAST-certified staff in the axe throwing area at all times to monitor alcohol consumption;
 - (ii) Prohibiting patrons who appear intoxicated from axe throwing;

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(iii) De-escalating patrons who appear intoxicated and are uncooperative or hostile; and

(iv) Training employees on the protocols included in the safety operating plan.

(c) A floor plan for the premises, including:

(i) Designated areas where alcohol may be sold, served, or consumed on-premises. Axe throwing lanes must be separate from the designated consumption areas and alcohol is not allowed in axe throwing lanes; and

(ii) Barriers for the axe throwing lanes and barriers behind the axe thrower. Barriers should prevent axes from travelling out of the axe throwing lanes; some examples include no-bounce borders or anti-bounce barriers.

(3) Changes to a safety operating plan must be submitted to the board's licensing division for approval. The safety operating plan must remain in effect until the licensee's change request is approved by the board's licensing division or the board determines changes are necessary due to safety concerns.

(4) Failure to adhere to the approved safety operating plan will be subject to the penalty structure outlined in WAC 314-29-030, violations of a board approved operating plan.