

## Responsible Service of Alcohol

### Young adults' experience of responsible service practice in NSW

Licensed premises in NSW have shown greater responsibility in the service of alcohol over the last five years. Following the NSW Alcohol Summit in 2003, the NSW Government amended the Liquor Act to require mandatory training for all licensed premises staff in an accredited responsible service of alcohol (RSA) course. The NSW Police also introduced the 'Linking Project', which enabled them to track alcohol-related crimes back to specific licensed premises.

#### Brief Overview

The Responsible Service of Alcohol program is a response from the introduction of the Harm Minimisation Legislation introduced in October 1996 by The Department of Gaming and Racing.

This course is compulsory for all staff involved in the sale, supply or promotion of alcohol. It is vital that they understand the requirements of the Acts in detail in order to protect themselves and their employers from civil and criminal liability.

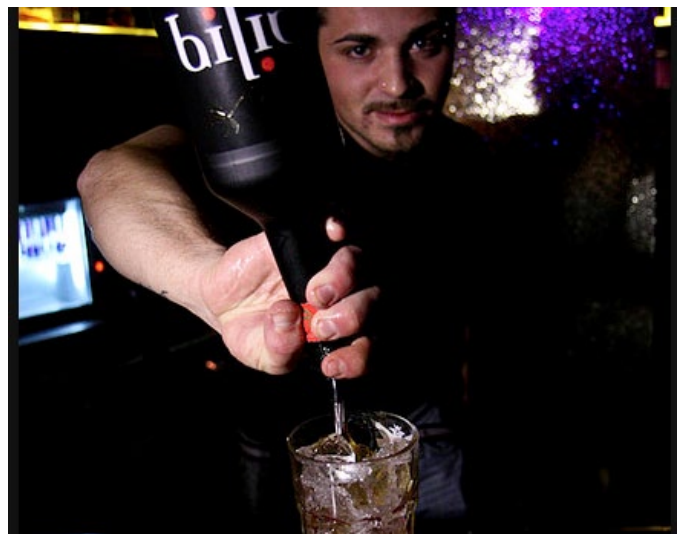


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