

Monona County Compliance Checks

Over the next few months, the Iowa State Patrol will be conducting compliance checks on several liquor license holders in Monona County. A compliance check is a tool used to identify, educate, and provide alcohol establishments that serve or sell alcohol to underage youth.

Compliance checks are a very effective method for enforcing age-of-sale laws and decreasing the commercial availability of alcohol to youth. Because compliance checks can be used to hold businesses and their employees accountable for illegal sales to youth, they encourage alcohol licensees to manage and train their employees adequately.

Collaborating with law enforcement to conduct compliance checks is a productive and effective method for community members to become actively involved in underage alcohol use prevention efforts. Often, the public is surprised by the ease with which youth can purchase alcohol, and become motivated to reduce sales of alcohol to youth.

During a compliance check, if an establishment with an alcohol license sells to a person under 21, the enforcement agent issues a citation to the employee who sells and to the establishment. Businesses may pay a fine as much as \$2,085, and the individual faces a fine as high as \$735.

Additionally, all violations will be forwarded to the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division for civil penalties against the liquor licenses.

Compliance checks are made possible by Jackson Recovery Centers and the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF-SIG) in partnership with the Monona County Community Alliance. For more information, contact SPF-SIG Coordinator, Holly Keegan at 712-234-2378 or hkeegan@jacksonrecovery.com