
**NH Division of Liquor Enforcement, Licensing & Education to Hold Age Assessment Panel
for the Recruitment of Underage Buyers for Tobacco & Alcohol Compliance Checks**

**Friday, December 28, 1pm, Bow Police Department, Bow Safety Center, 7 Knox Rd, Bow, NH
REGISTRATION REQUIRED – SEE FULL TEXT BELOW**

Throughout the year the New Hampshire Division of Liquor Enforcement conducts tobacco and alcohol compliance checks. Compliance checks are educational programs which are conducted to ensure licensed establishments throughout the state are properly identifying youthful-appearing patrons and customers who are attempting to purchase tobacco or alcohol products.

The checks are conducted by sending an underage buyer (17 and under for tobacco and 19 and under for alcohol) into an off-sale and/or on-sale licensee and having them attempt to purchase either alcohol or a tobacco product. If the employees of the establishment request identification from the buyer, the buyer produces their real New Hampshire Driver's License which indicates they are under the legal age to purchase that product. The buyer can not lie and must tell the employee their real age if asked.

The goal of these compliance checks is to ensure clerks, wait staff, and any other employee selling alcohol or tobacco is not only asking for the identification of youthful appearing customers and patrons, but also checking the identification properly. The underage buyers used in this program must go through an approval process (Age Assessment Panel) with the NH Division of Liquor Enforcement before being allowed to participate in the checks.

The Age Assessment Panel determines if the prospective underage buyer meets the requirements to become an approved underage buyer. An Age Assessment Panel consists of licensees, teachers, parents or other community members who interact with the youth population on a regular basis. The panel assesses the age of the participant and the majority of the panel must assess each participant's age within the approved age range. Tobacco buyers must be between the ages of 15-17, and must be assessed by the panel to look between the ages of 15-17. Alcohol buyers must be between the ages of 17-19 and must look between the ages of 17-19.

The NH Division of Liquor Enforcement is hosting an Age Assessment Panel on Friday, December 28th at 1pm at the Bow Police Department, Bow Safety Center, 7 Knox Rd, Bow, NH. Depending on how many participants, we anticipate the panel taking approximately one hour. Feel free to forward this email along to anyone you feel may be interested in participating.

Please contact Julie Mento with the name and contact information of anyone who will be attending the panel -- 240-839-2753 or julie.mento@liquor.nh.gov

If you know of someone who is interested in participating in the program, but is unable to attend this panel, we ask that you have them contact us so they can be notified of future Age Assessment Panels.
