



## Definitions

<b>Minor</b>	Anyone under 21 years of age
<b>Gross Misdemeanor</b>	Crime punishable by up to 1 year in jail and/or a \$5,000 fine
<b>Misdemeanor</b>	Crime punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine
<b>Infraction</b>	Offense punishable only by fine, not incarceration

## Laws

- **Furnishing Alcohol To Minors** - [RCW 66.44.270\(1\)](#)
  - Is a gross misdemeanor
  - Makes it illegal to either:
    1. Provide alcohol to minors
    2. Provide minors with a place to consume alcohol
  
- 3. **Minor in Possession of Alcohol** - [RCW 66.44.270\(2\)\(a\)](#)
  - Is a gross misdemeanor

- Makes it illegal for any minor to possess, consume, or otherwise acquire any liquor.
  
- **Alcohol Consumption or Open Container in Public - [PCC 5.55.010](#)**
- Infraction (1st-\$250 Subsequent-\$500)
- Makes it illegal to consume alcohol or possess an open alcohol container in any public area ***regardless of age.***
  
- **Minor in Public Place Exhibiting the Effects of Having Consumed Alcohol - [RCW 66.44.270\(2\)\(b\)](#)**
- Is a gross misdemeanor
- Makes it illegal for any minor to be in a public place, or to be in a motor vehicle in a public place, while exhibiting the effects of having consumed liquor
  
- **Minors Frequenting Off-Limits Areas - [RCW 66.44.310](#)**
- Is a misdemeanor
- Makes it illegal for:
  1. Liquor establishments (i.e. bar) to serve minors alcohol or allow them on their premises.
  2. Minors to enter or remain in a liquor establishment.
  3. Minors to misrepresent their age (lie/use a fake I.D.) to buy alcohol or gain access to liquor establishments.
  
- 4. **Sales to Intoxicated Persons - [RCW 66.44.200](#)**
- Makes it illegal to:
  1. Sell alcohol to an intoxicated person (misdemeanor)
  2. Buy or consume alcohol in a liquor establishment while intoxicated (\$1025 infraction)
  
- 3. **Bringing Liquor in from out of State - [RCW 66.12.120](#)**
- Makes it illegal to bring more than 2 liters of wine, 2 liters of spirits and 288 ounces of beer into the state more than once per calendar month without paying tax and markup to the State of Washington.