# Department of Human Services

**Policy and Procedures**

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**Subject:** Compliance w/ Alcoholic Beverage Control Act

**Originating Source:** Executive Director's Office

**Referring Agency:** Office of Administrative Support

**Rationale:** UCA 32a-14-1 places liability on “any person who gives, sells, or otherwise provides liquor” which causes intoxication of another which results in injuries to person, property, or means of support to a third person. This policy is designed to remove all risk of liability to the Department in this area while reinforcing the Department position that departmental units are not to be involved in sponsoring activities involving the serving of liquor.

All units of the Department of Human Services will consider potential liability under the Utah State Alcoholic Beverage Control Act; subsection 32a-13-1 when scheduling any department activity. To remove departmental risk under this subsection, no department unit will sponsor or arrange for any activity involving the giving, selling, or the otherwise provision of liquor. If an activity involving the giving, selling, or provision of liquor is scheduled; it must be done in such a manner as to place full responsibility and liability on the provider of the liquor (i.e. hotel).

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