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TRADING LIQUOR RESPONSIBLY

Remember, liquor abuse is our joint responsibility and Together we can fight the scourge of Alcohol abuse. This is a quick guide for Liquor Traders and a reminder that the following instances should be adhered to on a strict basis.

In ensuring compliance, the department in partnership with South African Police Services (SAPS) and other regulatory departments will conduct enforcement and compliance blitz in all district municipalities to monitor compliance in relation to the Liquor Act 27 of 1989 as amended and other related legislations and to combat crime and corruption around the province.

These are some aspects liquor traders should be reminded of:

Records

Liquor traders are expected to keep their records at all times in their premises and shall at all times avail such records to Liquor inspectors/Police officers when they demand them.

Nuisance

Don't be a nuisance to neighbours by playing loud music, allowing your patrons to litter and to urinate in the yard of neighbours.

Misbehaviour of patrons

It is the responsibility of a liquor trader to ensure that officials are not hindered while performing their official duties.

Under-age drinking/Juveniles

It is an offence to sell liquor to children who are below the age of 18.

Trading Hours

Holder of liquor licences shall ensure that liquor is not sold before or beyond stipulated trading hours.

Nature of premises

The holder of a licence shall not conduct any on the licenced premises, unless completely separated from each other by a wall.

Pregnancy and drinking

Do not sell alcohol to visibly pregnant women, as this will affect the unborn baby and it will increase the cases of **Foetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder**.

Controlling Interest

The holder of a licence shall not allow any other person to acquire controlling interests to which a liquor licence relates, unless the chairperson has granted a concern to that effect.

On consumption selling take aways

- On consumption liquor are not allowed to sell liquor as take-aways.
- Off-consumption liquor outlets licence holders like, liquor/bottle stores are not supposed to allow drinking of liquor in their premises.
- Licence holder are not allowed to conduct any other business in the premises where is sold.
- Licence holders are not allowed to change the structure of their premises without the authorization of the Chairperson's approval.

In case where consumers are victims of these illegal operators, they may contact Consumer Affairs Office at (018) 387 7946/848 or visit at NWDC Building, Corner University and Provident Drive, Mmabatho.

Consumers can also reach out Departmental District Office located in Rustenburg, Klerksdorp, Brits and Vryburg.

