Commercial Host Liability: An Evidence-Based Strategy

Commercial host liability holds alcohol retailers legally responsible for injuries or harms caused by illegal service to intoxicated or underage customers.

Commercial host liability laws adopted without major restrictions

Alcohol retailers encouraged to comply with liquor laws

Commercial host liability laws improve health & save lives







Reduced rates of excessive alcohol consumption (including binge and underage drinking)



Fewer motor vehicle crashes

Considerations in Implementing Commercial Host Liability as a Public Health Strategy



Alcohol retailers are held to the same liability standards as other retail businesses



Alcohol-related injuries and deaths are reduced when retailers implement best practices



Alcohol retailers are held financially responsible for negligent practices



Injured parties are compensated by negligent alcohol retailers



Lower rates of violence

