

Third Party Sales Quick Reference Guide

Types of 3rd party transactions

Familiar transactions

- Older siblings
- Friends over 21
- Parents and other relatives

Stranger transactions

- Adults going into retail establishments
- Homeless or transients in the community
- World Wide Web?

Laws and Ordinances that Directly Address 3rd Party Transactions

- State statutes
- "Attempt to" laws
- Adult responsibility laws
- Retailers' responsibility laws

Laws and Ordinances that Indirectly Address 3rd Party Transactions

- Loitering
- Curfews for youth
- Open containers of alcohol
- Official closing hours of parks and other public areas
- Nuisance abatement

A third party transaction occurs when an adult furnishes alcohol to an underage person for the minor's consumption.

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“Shoulder Tap” Enforcement Programs:

Model 1

Focus is on stopping underage purchasers.

Enforcement officers dress in “plain clothes” to blend in with typical adult population in front of an establishment.

Officers wait to see if youth ask them to purchase alcohol.

Model 2

Underage volunteers are recruited, selected and trained to serve as decoys.

Follow guidelines for volunteers in compliance checks.

An underage decoy, supervised by an officer, approaches an adult going into an establishment to buy alcohol.

If the adult makes the purchase for the decoy s/he is detained by the accompanying officer(s).



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