



A BYOB CHECKLIST

The BYOB guidelines provided throughout this resource guide are suggestions for safe and practical implementation. Individual chapters must still follow their inter/national as well as institutional policies, if said policies are more specific and / or more stringent. If questions arise, this checklist does not supersede any local, city, state, university, general fraternity / sorority or national laws, statutes and polices, or common sense. These guidelines are designed to help you implement a BYOB event.

Theme

- All event themes should use common sense and be appropriate.
- Event themes should not be disrespectful or degrading to any person or population.
- The use of inappropriate event themes has significantly affected the perceptions and stereotypes of fraternity life in recent years.

Entrance

- One well lit entrance, controlled and monitored by security or older members. The preferred method is security that is contracted, licensed, and bonded.
- Monitors check to see if those seeking entry are members or have an invitation and are on the guest list.
- IDs are checked by older, initiated members, not new members.
- Members and guests with alcohol are required to show proof of legal drinking age (the invitation guest list should also have the birthdays of members and guests). A picture ID with a birth date should be required.
- A guest's name is checked once they have entered the event.
- Several exits must be available due to fire codes and laws; however, exits can not be used as entrances.

Invitation Guest Lists

- Invitation guest lists with specific names and birthdays of all members and invited guests should be generated for each function.
- The student or Greek directory is not an acceptable guest list. Invitations should be issued to the guest(s) that a member wishes to invite to the event.
- Invitation guest lists should be made 24 hours prior to the event. After this time, no substitutions or add-ons are permitted. A ratio of two – three guests per member is suggested.

Wristbands

- Members and guests who are of legal drinking age and bring alcohol to the event should receive a non-adjustable, event specific wristband (carnival / amusement park type is recommended).
- The individuals name is checked off the invitation guest list and the type of alcohol brought is written by his/her name.
- Members and guests who are not of legal drinking age or do not bring alcohol do not receive a wristband, but do receive a chapter specific hand stamp after checking in.
- Members and guests without a wristband should not be consuming alcohol.

Punch Cards

- For each and every event, punch cards should be created that are event specific.
- Punch cards should be about credit card size with the following information: name, birthday, type of alcohol / amount brought, date of event, location to punch up to six holes for consume alcohol.
- Punch cards, unlike tickets are easy to handle and are a more effective means for proper distribution.
- Punch cards are to be collected at the exits when guests leave the event.



Types and amounts of alcohol

- The following stipulations apply per person for a typical four to five hour function: Maximum of six (6), twelve (12) ounce cans / plastic bottles of beer / wine coolers / malt beverages.
- No glass bottles.
- No cases, twelve-packs, or other alcohol containers larger than six 12 oz beers or wine coolers
- No squeeze bottles, water bottles, beer bong, party balls, pitchers, tumblers, or other containers.
- No kegs or hard alcohol.
- No alcohol for common use in member's rooms.
- No shots, drinking games, or other activities that encourage inappropriate drinking behaviors.

Food and non-alcoholic beverages

- The chapter should provide an amount of non-alcoholic beverages at least equal to the total number of people in attendance at the event.
- Breads, meats, cheeses, vegetables, cookies, subs, pizza, brownies, fruits and dips are considered appropriate foods. The chapters should avoid salty foods.
- All food and non-alcoholic beverages should be free to all attendees.
- Food and non-alcoholic beverages should be contained within one centralized location.
- Non-alcoholic beverages should be served from closed containers.
- During the last 45 minutes of an event, alcohol service should stop; a new non-alcoholic beverage and food item should be served for those who wish to switch beverages and begin winding down.

Chapter Monitors and Security

- Monitors are charged with regulating social events and maintaining the risk management policy of the chapter(s) involved.
- Monitors are not to consume alcohol for a reasonable amount of time prior to and during the social event.
- One monitor for every 10-15 attendees is advised.
- If the event is co-sponsored between a fraternity and sorority, both male and female monitors must be used to ensure the safety of all guests and that all applicable rules are applied to men and women equally.
- Monitors should be older members of all participating organizations who will serve as general monitors or service monitors working at the service distribution center. New members should not be serving as monitors.
- Specialty clothing may be worn by the monitors to set them apart from the rest of the attendees
- Chapter presidents and social chairs should limit their use of alcohol (if consuming at all) during social events so that they can, along with the monitors, ensure that a safe social environment is maintained.
- Monitors have the right to deny access to the event to anyone they think is already impaired by alcohol or other drugs, even if the person is on the invitation guest list.

Service Distribution Center

- One centralized location should be established for the distribution of all alcoholic beverages.
- No other location, especially members' rooms, can be used for the distribution of alcoholic beverages.
- The holding tank, which serves as a cooling area for the alcohol brought to the function by members and guests, is as simple as a large rubber trash can filled with ice.
- Anyone who wishes to acquire an alcoholic beverage that he/she brought to the event must present the punch card, show their wristband, and return an empty can if this is not the first request (returning the cans assists the chapter with its recycling efforts and helps ensure that alcohol is not being given away to others once it leaves the service center).
- The service monitors must not serve anyone who is intoxicated, even if the person has alcohol remaining.
- Only one alcoholic beverage may be acquired at a time.
- Left-over alcohol can be picked up the following day. Otherwise, it is to be discarded.