

WAC 314-29-020 Group 1 violations against public safety. (1)

Group 1 violations are considered the most serious because they present a direct threat to public safety. Violations beyond the first violation do not have a monetary option upon issuance of a violation notice. The liquor and cannabis board may offer a monetary option in lieu of suspension days based on mitigating circumstances as outlined in WAC 314-29-015(4).

(2) Group 1 violations will be counted sequentially rather than independently by group. For example, if a licensee received a violation for over service on one day and a violation for sale to a minor a week later, the sale to a minor would be treated as a second offense since both violations are in the same violation group.

Violation Type	1st Violation	2nd Violation in a two-year window	3rd Violation in a two-year window	4th Violation in a two-year window
Violations involving minors: Sale or service to minor: Sale or service of alcohol to a person under 21 years of age. Minor frequenting a tavern, lounge, or other restricted area. RCW 66.44.270 RCW 66.44.310 WAC 314-11-020 WAC 314-16-150	5 day suspension or \$500 monetary option	7 day suspension	30 day suspension	Cancellation of license
Sale or service to apparently intoxicated person: Sale or service of alcohol to, or permitting consumption or possession by, an apparently intoxicated person. RCW 66.44.200 WAC 314-16-150	5 day suspension or \$500 monetary option	7 day suspension	30 day suspension	Cancellation of license
Conduct violations: Disorderly conduct by licensee or employee, or permitting on premises. Licensee and/or employee intoxicated on the licensed premises and/or drinking on duty. Criminal conduct: Permitting or engaging in criminal conduct. WAC 314-11-015	5 day suspension or \$500 monetary option	7 day suspension	30 day suspension	Cancellation of license
Refusal to allow an inspection and/or obstructing a law enforcement officer from performing their official duties. RCW 66.28.090 RCW 66.44.370 WAC 314-11-090	5 day suspension or \$500 monetary option	7 day suspension	30 day suspension	Cancellation of license
Condition of suspension violation: Failure to follow any suspension restriction while liquor license is suspended. WAC 314-29-040	Original penalty plus 10 day suspension with no monetary option	Cancellation of license		

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