

STAY SAFE WITH SOCIETY

LIQUOR AND FIRE PREVENTION

At times, taverns and restaurants like to add interest and excitement to the experience of visiting and socializing at their establishment. One option includes serving flaming drinks, shots, and desserts and, in some cases, pouring and igniting lines of high-alcohol drinks (such as Rum 151, Everclear, Absinthe, Cointreau, Drambuie, Vodka, and Grand Marnier) onto and along the bar counter, or performing flaming liquor cascades.

Any liquor that is 100 Proof (50 percent alcohol) will readily ignite without pre-heating; liquor that is 120 Proof is highly flammable and dangerous when lit.

Refrain from providing, participating, or promoting any activities that involve the ignition of drinks or food being served.

Customers and employees face many risks as a result of ignited liquor:

- Burn injuries while attempting to consume a drink that is still on fire.
- Severe skin burns from hot glassware or flaming liquor.
- Risk of the flaming liquor splashing onto a person's face, which can result in disfigurement.
- High heat fracturing thin glassware, which could cause cuts.
- Inebriated patrons unable to control the flaming drink or food.
- Patrons adding more alcohol to the flaming drink, resulting in a flaming bottle or fire spraying around the area.
- Patrons spitting alcohol onto flaming lines. The flames could travel back up to the person's mouth and cause burns.
- Patrons leaving the flaming drink unattended. This could crack the glassware, spilling flaming alcohol onto combustible surfaces.
- Carrying a dish of flaming alcohol could cause the contents to spill onto surfaces and customers.
- Fire could spread to other areas of the establishment.



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