

Drinking On Party Buses & in Public Places

The rules have changed recently with respect to alcohol on buses. Our research indicates there are two laws relating to Alcohol on or around our Party Buses.

- 1/ Sale of liquor Act 1989
- 2/ Summary Offences Act

It should be noted; our company is a bus and tour coach Transport Company, our interest is in providing safe and affordable awesomely fun transport to and from Bars and venues. Our drivers, our vehicles and business is licensed to do so but we are **not** “liquor licensed”. It is your responsibility to keep with-in the law at all times in respect to liquor on or around our buses. We don’t apply for special licences on your behalf.

Here is some helpful info and links.

Sale of liquor Act.

The Local council control licensing by way of the “sale of liquor act” , the Police do background checks on Special licence applicants and enforce breaches. You should apply at least 20 working day prior to your event. In some cases, the Council and Police have kindly pushed thru these applications in only a few days but only where all the information is provided on the appropriate forms.

Summary Offences Act

This applies to un-licensed drinking in a public place; the Police rigorously enforce this too.

“Every person is liable to a fine not exceeding \$300 who, in or on any aircraft, hovercraft, ship or ferry or other vessel, train, or vehicle that is carrying passengers for reward,-

- (a) Drinks any intoxicating liquor; or*
- (b) Supplies or offers any intoxicating liquor to any other person for consumption there; or*
- (c) Has in his (her) possession or under his (her) control any intoxicating liquor for consumption there.”*

Our buses are for hire or reward and so are considered a “Public place”. In order for you to remain on the right side of the law you really should have a “Special Licence” . These are applied for in the district you start your event in.

Please remember, a Special licence is only valid on the bus, if you step off the bus with alcohol in most City areas covered by Liquor Bans, you are in breach of the Summary offences Act and are very much on your own. There is nothing to stop you being fined – be warned!

In our experience in running Party Buses, the Police have so much more exciting things to do than chase people drinking alcohol off the bus. Don’t tempt fate! Some passengers have been arrested for such breaches, the Police are fairly tolerant of a small amount of un-licensed alcohol on the bus but blatant disrespect for the law will result in prosecution.

..... **Follow the link for more information.**

AUCKLAND CITY

<http://www.aucklandcity.govt.nz/council/services/liquor/special.asp>

MANAKAU CITY

[http://www.manukau.govt.nz/SiteCollectionDocuments/LLCD-24%20\(1B\)%20Application%20for%20Special%20Licence%20-%20For%20Conveyance.pdf](http://www.manukau.govt.nz/SiteCollectionDocuments/LLCD-24%20(1B)%20Application%20for%20Special%20Licence%20-%20For%20Conveyance.pdf)

NORTH SHORE CITY

<http://www.northshorecity.govt.nz/Services/PublicHealthWellbeing/Liquor/Pages/03SpecialLicence.aspx>

WAITAKERE CITY

<http://www.waitakere.govt.nz/cnlser/li/special.asp>

"Party buses

Special licences can only be issued to party buses when liquor is being sold and supplied on the bus (as is the norm with all other special licence applications that we handle).

Please note: this sale and supply can be via a direct sale, ie you as an individual pay the bus driver/attendant for a drink, or you pay the organiser of the outing for a drink alternatively, an indirect sale will also merit the issue of a licence, ie you pay a for a ticket to ride on the bus and a drink is part and parcel of the fee or, you pay for food on the bus and again the drink is free .We will not under any circumstances issue a special licence for supply only of liquor, or for BYO on any form of a conveyance. If wish to carry liquor on an unlicensed bus it is recommended that it is placed in the hold." Auckland City Council

In order to easily get a special licence, the best way to have a **"ticketed event"**.

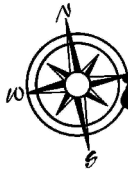
Ticketed Event

1/ Apply to the council for a Special Licence as "Ticketed Event providing Alcohol
2/ The organiser can charge a nominal fee per person, perhaps \$10 per person. Then supply an alcoholic beverage (RTD, a Shot , a can of beer.....) this is inclusive of your \$10 entry fee.

As part of your Planning and Licence application, you need an itinerary. We recommend max 20 minutes drive followed by an hour in a bar.

Where you pass from one district to another, the licence covers you in each separate district

Ie: You get a licence and start your event in Manakau, Your licence then covers you in Waitakere, Auckland City and North Shore.



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PARTY BUS

Itinerary & Permission

Organiser: _____

Date of Event: _____

Depart Pick-up location	Time	Venue Name	Address	Phone
20 Minutes Travel				
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Explorer Tours New Zealand Ltd give permission to the above named person to apply for a "Special Licence" to supply alcohol on one of our buses Reg: _____ for the date of ____/____/____ subject to New Zealand law, City By-laws and our own conditions of hire.

Darryl Cooper
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