



# SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS

A Special Event Permit allows the host of an event to serve or sell liquor.



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Special Event Permits (SEPs) are required to provide liquor service at temporary events such as family gatherings, private functions, community festivals, manufacturer tastings and more.

While most SEP applications are approved quickly, we recommend you apply 2 weeks in advance.

Events with more than 500 guests require review by local police and a liquor inspector. Some smaller events may also require review.

There are specific terms and conditions that you must follow if you are granted a special event permit. To read them, please visit: **[gov.bc.ca/liquorregulationandlicensing](https://gov.bc.ca/liquorregulationandlicensing)**

Most importantly, you must serve liquor responsibly to minimize harms to guests at your event or after guests have left your event. To help you ensure this, you and your servers must obtain Responsible Beverage Service (RBS) certification.

Contacts and more information:  
**[specialevents.bcldb.com](https://specialevents.bcldb.com)**  
SEP Helpline: 1-855-999-7656



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