



# 50 SIGNS OF VISIBLE INTOXICATION

Serving alcohol to a Visibly Intoxicated Person (VIP) is against the law. Visible intoxication is intoxication that other people can see. If you can tell on sight that a person has been drinking or using other drugs, the person is visibly intoxicated.

Here are some signs of visible intoxication. If a person shows just one or two of these signs, that does not necessarily mean the person is intoxicated. But if a person shows a combination of several of these signs, that could be a strong indication that the person is intoxicated. If you're not sure, don't serve.

1. Slurred speech
2. Swaying, staggering, or stumbling
3. Unable to sit straight
4. Bloodshot, glassy eyes
5. Loud, noisy speech
6. Speaking loudly, then quietly
7. Drinking too fast
8. Ordering doubles
9. Careless with money
10. Buying rounds for strangers or the house
11. Annoying other guests and employees
12. Complaining about prices
13. Complaining about drink strength or preparation
14. Argumentative
15. Aggressive or belligerent
16. Obnoxious or mean
17. Making inappropriate comments about others
18. Crude behavior
19. Inappropriate sexual advances
20. Foul language
21. Making irrational statements
22. Depressed or sullen
23. Crying or moody
24. Extreme or sudden change in behavior
25. Overly animated or entertaining
26. Drowsiness
27. Drinking alone
28. Lack of focus and eye contact
29. Bravado, boasting
30. Difficulty remembering
31. Rambling train of thought
32. Slow response to questions or comments
33. Spilling drinks
34. Trouble making change
35. Difficulty handling money
36. Difficulty lighting cigarettes
37. Lighting more than one cigarette
38. Letting cigarette burn without smoking
39. Clumsy
40. Difficulty standing up
41. Unusual walk
42. Boisterous
43. Bumping into things
44. Falling off of chair
45. Falling asleep
46. Can't find mouth with glass
47. Falling down
48. Mussed hair
49. Disheveled clothing
50. Overly friendly to other guests or employees

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