



# 50 SIGNS OF VISIBLE INTOXICATION

Serving alcohol to a **Visibly Intoxicated Person (VIP)** is against the law. If you can tell on sight that a person has been drinking or using other drugs, the person is visibly intoxicated. Servers are not expected to know a customer's blood alcohol content (BAC) as determined by a blood, breath, or urine test, but they are required to recognize visible intoxication.

Here are some common 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 signs, or has a sudden change in behavior, that could be a strong indication that the person is intoxicated. Remember that intoxication can result from the use of drugs other than alcohol. ***If you're not sure, don't serve.***

## Appearance

1. Bloodshot, glassy eyes
2. Flushed face
3. Droopy eyelids
4. Dazed look
5. Body tremors
6. Blank stare
7. Disheveled clothing

## Speech

8. Thick, slurred speech
9. Loud, noisy speech
10. Speaking loudly, then quietly
11. Rambling train of thought
12. Slow response to questions or comments
13. Bravado, boasting
14. Making irrational statements

## Attitude

15. Annoying other guests and employees
16. Argumentative
17. Aggressive or belligerent
18. Obnoxious or mean
19. Inappropriate sexual advances
20. Overly friendly to other guests or employees
21. Boisterous

## Behavior

22. Swaying, staggering, or stumbling
23. Unable to sit straight
24. Careless with money

## Behavior (Cont'd)

25. Difficulty making change
26. Restless
27. Depressed or sullen
28. Crying or moody
29. Extreme or sudden change in behavior
30. Overly animated or entertaining
31. Crude, inappropriate speech or gestures
32. Drowsiness
33. Lack of focus and eye contact
34. Difficulty standing up
35. Unusual walk
36. Falling off of chair
37. Falling asleep
38. Can't find mouth with glass
39. Falling down
40. Difficulty lighting cigarettes
41. Lighting more than one cigarette
42. Clumsy
43. Difficulty remembering
44. Spilling drinks
45. Disoriented
46. Agitated, anxious
47. Grinding teeth

## Other

48. Odor of alcohol, marijuana or chemicals
49. Excessive perspiration
50. Repeated trips to rest room or outside area

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