

Common Ground

Cooperating Taverns/Liquor Stores

As part of Common Ground's commitment to offering technical support to participants in the Cooperating Tavern/Liquor Store program, the following is provided to assist owners and manager in responding to media contacts.

Key Talking Points for Tavern and Liquor Store Owners

Point 1

Responsible beverage service programs work best when our customers, including URI students, are aware of our policies and how seriously we take them.

We want everyone to hear the message loud and clear: ***Don't test our resolve to identify false IDs and turn them over to the police.***

URI students should look for storefront signs in Narragansett and South Kingstown that say "Responsible Alcohol Beverage Service Practiced Here." This means no alcohol service for (1) customers under age 21, (2) customers who are intoxicated, or (3) customers whose continued drinking would put them at risk of intoxication.

Point 2

Our establishment, like many others in town, has been practicing responsible beverage service for many years. This is not new, but all of us are also looking for ways to improve, and the Cooperating Tavern Program will help us do that.

Point 3

Our coming forward to join the Cooperating Tavern Program is simply a renewal of our commitment to serve alcohol responsibly.

The state of Rhode Island implemented a new law—effective this past January—that requires all waitstaff to be trained on responsible beverage service. We felt it was important to declare publicly, well before the law took effect, and especially now that the law is in effect that we strongly embrace RBS practices.