



Walsall Council



Community Protection

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Your Ref:

Our Ref:

Date: 29/7/2022

Please ask for: J Mellor/S Heath-
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Dear Mr Sangha

Licensing Act 2003 Premises Licence Memoirs, Bradford Place, Walsall

You should be aware that West Midlands Police and Walsall Council are working in Partnership to manage increasing demands on the Night Time Economy particularly regarding an increase in violent incidents.

We pride ourselves in our partnership approach and consider that working with venues in tackling issues and concerns is a priority. With that in mind, we wish to advise you of an incident at your venue that has been brought to our attention.

In the early hours of Saturday 23rd July at approximately 02:15 hours our CCTV operators witnessed a female being carried out of your venue by a number of persons. The female was being carried out feet first, after being dropped, she was then picked up again and placed in the back seat of an awaiting vehicle.

This footage has now been viewed by the Police and the Councils Community Protection staff. The Partnership are extremely disappointed in the lack of duty of care towards this female who we believe booked your venue to celebrate her 30th birthday party.

Firstly if the lady had been taken unwell an ambulance should have been called to assist. However from the footage it appears that the female had taken an excessive amount of alcohol which rendered her unable to walk unaided and took at least four people to remove her from your venue. They struggled to carry her out and struggled further to get her into the back of a vehicle waiting outside. There was no evidence at the time of any door staff assisting.

After speaking with the Police Licensing Officer, you have advised that it was her birthday and drinks had been bought for her. You also felt it was unfair that this incident would be recorded against your venue and you have shown no regret for the incident.

We would like to draw your attention to the following NHS information in relation to the consumption of alcohol during an evening:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/alcohol-misuse/risks/>

As they quote "Alcohol is a powerful chemical that can have a wide range of adverse effects on almost every part of your body, including your brain, bones and heart."

Under Section 141 of the Licensing Act 2003 makes it an offence to knowingly sell or attempt to sell alcohol to a person who is drunk, or to knowingly allow alcohol to be sold to such a person on licensed premises.

141 – Sale of alcohol to a person who is drunk

1.
 1. A person to whom subsection (2) applies commits an offence if, on relevant premises, he knowingly:
 - (a) sells or attempts to sell alcohol to a person who is drunk, or
 - (b) allows alcohol to be sold to such a person.
 2. This subsection applies:
 - (a) to any person who works at the premises in a capacity, whether paid or unpaid, which gives him authority to sell the alcohol concerned,
 - (b) in the case of licensed premises, to:
 - (i) the holder of a premises licence in respect of the premises, and
 - (ii) the designated premises supervisor (if any) under such a licence,
 3. A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

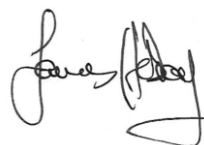
We would not expect to see this level of intoxication at a well-managed licensed premises. We would be grateful of your written response to our concerns so the partnership can decide on an appropriate course of action.

Can you also please make yourself available at 10:30 on Tuesday 02/08/2022 prior to the Pub Watch meeting so that your internal CCTV can be viewed.

Yours sincerely



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Head of Community Safety
and Enforcement



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