

TIPS Training Before Liquor Law Change

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CADA, Encouraging Responsible Alcohol Behavior, today announced that next week they will hold what could be the last TIPS training sessions before the new liquor license legislation comes into effect.

As stated in the recently amended Liquor Licensing Act, as of June 1st 2011, all licensed establishments must have all of their managers, supervisors and persons in charge of bars, TIPS certified and they must have a TIPS certified manager or supervisor on duty at all times during operating hours.

The law also states that Police Enforcement Officers can go into a licensed establishment and ask to see the manager's TIPS certification card. Without the card the establishment can be fined up to \$3,000.

In making the announcement today, CADA Chairman, Mr. Anthony Santucci said, "CADA is pleased to inform the public that there are still 40 spaces available at next week's TIPS training sessions which are being held from February 21st to 25th. We are encouraging any managers, supervisors or persons who are regularly in charge of bars and who have not yet received TIPS certification to go to CADA's website cada.bm and register for one of these sessions. The cost is \$50.00 per person."

Mr. Santucci continued, "TIPS stands for Training for Intervention Procedures, it is an internationally recognized, responsible alcohol sales and service training course and upon completion of the five and a half hour course participants will be able to:

- spot underage drinkers and prevent alcohol sales to minors;
- intervene quickly and assuredly in potential problem situations;
- understand the difference between people enjoying themselves and those getting into trouble with alcohol;
- handle alcohol related situations with greater confidence; and
- use proven strategies to prevent alcohol related problems."

Mr. Santucci concluded, "CADA encourages all establishments whose managers and supervisors have not yet gained TIPS certification to sign up immediately by going to cada.bm or by contacting our offices at 295 5982."