

"This training is timely and will serve to enhance the quality of service that establishments throughout the City of Atlanta are able to provide. Citizens can feel safer knowing that this industry, through participating in this training, is taking further steps towards being a responsible stakeholder in our community. I applaud Georgia Tech for leading this effort."

H. Lamar Willis
Atlanta City Councilmember

"Through the Web, it's very easy access to training which makes it excellent from a license holder's point of view...I've had the opportunity to review the program and get on board at Philips Arena."

Larry Carlson
Director of Leisure Services,
Philips Arena

To learn how to access this training, visit www.gtsmart.gatech.edu.

Responsible Alcohol Sales and Server Training [An Interactive Online Program]

**A Free Resource
from GT SMART**



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A Campus Community Coalition

“We think that employees who have completed the training will be more attractive to prospective employers who want to practice responsible alcohol sales.”

Marsha Brinkley
Project Director, GT SMART

GT SMART [Students Managing Alcohol Risk at Tech] is a campus-community coalition established to address high-risk drinking and its harmful effects on Georgia Tech’s campus and in the community. GT SMART is part of the **A Matter of Degree [AMOD]** project, a national effort to reduce high-risk drinking. **Georgia Tech** is one of ten universities in the country to receive a grant for the AMOD project.

GT SMART seeks to develop an environment which encourages responsible decisions about alcohol consumption by:

- Reducing rates of high-risk and underage drinking; and
- Decreasing the number of second-hand effect incidents caused by alcohol [i.e., DUI, assault, sexual harassment, excessive noise, trash and littering].

Helpful Resources

GT SMART is proactively engaging the hospitality industry in its efforts by offering helpful resources to bar and restaurant owners, restaurant patrons and community residents.

These resources include:

Responsible Alcohol Sales and Server Training Program [RASS]

Responsible Alcohol Sales and Server Training is an interactive, web-based training program available free of charge to anyone who owns or works for an establishment licensed to sell alcohol. The training is an excellent tool for restaurants, bars and stores to offer managers and employees.

The training is designed to:

- Familiarize owners and employees of alcohol-licensed establishments with state liquor laws. The training specifically addresses the Georgia Dram Shop Law — the state law that prohibits businesses from selling alcohol to minors or intoxicated persons; and
- Increase the skills, knowledge and awareness of individuals engaged in the sale and/or service of alcohol, including helping alcohol servers learn how to recognize fake driver’s licenses and IDs, how to tell whether bar patrons have had too much to drink and how to stop serving disorderly, intoxicated customers.

Training Access and Availability

The training program is available on-line seven days a week, 24 hours a day. It is convenient and easily accessible from any computer.

The following is required to begin the training:

- A computer with an internet connection; and
- A liquor license number. [Owners and managers can set up accounts for themselves and their employees based on an establishment’s liquor license number.]

Estimated completion time for the training program is two [2] hours, and the training can be completed in increments.

A record of every person who completes the training is stored electronically and is available to employers. The training is transferable from one place of employment to another.

To learn how to access the RASS training, visit the GT SMART Website at www.gtsmart.gatech.edu.

Collaboration and Funding

GT SMART works in partnership with local and state officials, public safety departments, the hospitality industry and the community. Together they are using these and other resources to help reduce the sale of alcohol to underage and intoxicated individuals and to promote an environment of responsible alcohol consumption.

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