

# Signs of Intoxication

**Categories include:** Coordination, Reduced Judgment, Vision, Reflexes, and Manners & Appearance

## **Coordination:**

- Staggers, sways while attempting to stand still; holding on to bar, chair, etc.
- Loss of train of thought (stops talking in mid-sentence)
- Stands with feet wide apart for balance.
- Leans against structure for support.
- Fumbles with wallet or money.
- Slurred speech or speaking very slowly and deliberately
- Falls off a stool or chair
- Slurs or trips over words while ordering.

## **Reduced Judgment / Change in Behavior:**

- Buys rounds for strangers or the house
- Argues / Annoys employees or other customers
- Consumes drinks faster than usual, gulps drinks, orders doubles
- Complains about strength of drink or slowness of service
- Annoys other customers
- Sudden or unexplained mood changes
- Bragging
- Overly friendly
- Gets more Quiet
- Goes to sleep
- Becomes overly excited.
- Speaks loudly and/or profanely (uses foul language).
- Throws objects.
- Giggles or laughs for no apparent reason.

## **Vision:**

- Eyes glassy, dilated pupils, lack of focus
- Red or watery eyes.
- Droopy eyelids or tired appearance.
- Squints continuously.
- Closes or covers one eye to remove double vision.

## **Reflexes:**

- Spills drink; misses mouth with glass
- Unable to pick up money or drops money; unable to count out correct amount for drink
- Sullen, doesn't want to communicate except to order drinks
- Slow or deliberate movements.
- Slow or no response to questions.
- Slow or no reaction to actions such as spilling a beer on oneself.

**Manners & Appearance:**

Head boops, eyelids drooping, looks sleepy  
Frequently rubs hands through face and hair.  
Sometimes has involuntary eye movement.  
Frequent trips to the bathroom.  
Strong, stale odor of alcohol.