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## Emergency Services

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Under the Alcohol Act, any premises where alcohol is served must meet fire safety standards. To ensure these standards are met, you must submit an application to the emergency services. The emergency services may need to visit the premises to assess the fire safety measures in place.

You may need to apply for a permit if you intend to use LPG or other flammable substances. More information is available at [www.raddning.com](http://www.raddning.com).

You must also contact the emergency services if you wish to use a marquee. This should be done using the form found on the emergency services' website.



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## Applying for an alcohol licence

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A brochure containing information from several different relevant authorities.



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## The Alcohol Act

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*The Alcohol Act imposes a range of requirements, meaning that as an applicant you will be in contact with a number of different authorities.*

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## The Municipality

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You must contact your municipality to apply for a licence to serve alcohol. The licensing authority is responsible for processing applications. Applications are made via a county-wide e-service, which can be accessed via the municipality's website.

There are several different types of alcohol licences, each with different requirements. More information about these options can be found on the municipality's website.

Requirements for all types of alcohol licences:

- Applicants must be at least 20 years old.
- The Alcohol Act entails personal and financial responsibility.
- You must demonstrate that you have the right to use the intended premises (e.g. via a rental agreement, purchase agreement or similar).
- You must demonstrate good knowledge of the Alcohol Act.

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## The Environmental Authority

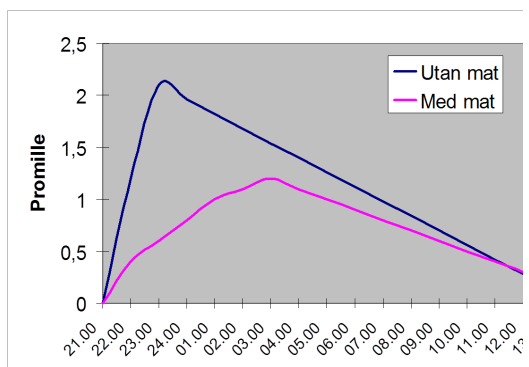
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In most cases, the Alcohol Act requires that you, as a licence holder, **offer food** when serving alcoholic beverages (there are exceptions for break and tasting licences). Alcoholic beverages should complement the food served; the scope of the menu can vary slightly depending on the type of serving licence for which you are applying.

This means that your business must be registered to serve food, which can be done using a form available on the Environmental Authority's website: [www.miljovast.se](http://www.miljovast.se)

The Environmental Authority is also responsible for monitoring noise levels and issues decisions on matters such as desired serving hours.

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## The Swedish Police Authority

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Issues decisions on applications for alcohol licences with regard to the applicant's conduct, location of the premises and desired serving hours.

You should contact the Swedish Police Authority if you wish to hold a public event/general gathering (e.g. a dance, concert). This can be done via the Swedish Police Authority Website: [www.polisen.se](http://www.polisen.se)

The Swedish Police Authority also issues permits for the use of public spaces, such as when streets/pavements are used for outdoor seating. Permit applications can be made via the Swedish Police Authority's website.

### **It may be necessary to apply for a building permit!**

In some cases, you may need to apply for a building permit, e.g. when building a patio/outdoor room or changing the use of a building. More information about this can be found on the municipality's website.

