

CHILD LABOR "VICE" JOBS

The following are allowed and prohibited jobs in various occupations of liquor, gambling, lottery, tobacco, racing and gaming, etc.

Liquor - You must be 18 years old to sell and serve liquor for on-premises drinking, and must be at least 16 to sell liquor in a grocery store/convenience store. No requirement about bussing tables, but it isn't recommended. See Iowa Code 123.47 (2009).

Gambling - Persons under 18 may not work inside a casino. However, there is no prohibition to working for something attached to the casino as long as they do not work in the casino itself. For example, if there is a dining room and kitchen attached to the casino, a 14 year old could wash dishes in the kitchen and be in compliance. Buffets are usually in separate rooms and areas from the casino, so ok. But if the buffet were actually inside the casino area per se, that would be prohibited. See Iowa Code Chapter 99 (2009).

You must be 18 to serve, 21 to deal, 21 to gamble, 21 to tend bar.

Lottery - No prohibition to selling retail tickets. A person cannot buy lottery tickets until they're 21 years old. However, someone under 21 may redeem a winning lottery ticket. i.e. grandma gives lottery tickets to all of her children and grandchildren. If the grandchild has a winning ticket, then the grandchild can cash in the ticket with an adult present.

Tobacco - A minor under age 18 can sell, stock or handle tobacco if the minor is employed by a person who holds a valid permit under Chapter 453A or who lawfully offers for sale or sells cigarettes or tobacco products. A person can't smoke under age 18. Any person under age 18 in possession of tobacco is guilty of a simple misdemeanor. There is also a civil penalty (\$50) for a first offense. See Iowa Code 453A.2 and 805.8C (2009).

Any questions, contact Alcoholic Beverages Division, 281-7414.