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Commonwealth payments put hoteliers on alert

The Australian Hotels Association (WA) has placed its members on alert for people who misuse alcohol ahead of the Commonwealth's economic security payments commencing on December 8.

On December 8, welfare recipient families will receive \$2100 per couple and \$1000 per child.

AHA (WA) CEO, Bradley Woods, said the Association had been working closely with the WA State Government Minister for Racing and Gaming, Tuck Waldron, and the Director of Liquor Licensing to identify proactive and effective strategies to ensure welfare payments are spent responsibly.

"We are entering the busiest time of year for the hotel and hospitality industry and we now also need to be vigilant about a minority in the community who have the potential to abuse welfare payments," Mr Woods said.

"The majority of people in the community consume alcohol in a responsible manner and do not cause harm or ill-health to themselves or others when they drink. However a minority of people abuse alcohol and abuse others in the community through their alcohol consumption and a number of those people will be awash with tax payer money in the coming weeks.

"Our members are aware of their legal and social responsibility and they are prepared to take measures against those that have the potential to abuse alcohol during this period."

Mr Woods said the AHA (WA) had distributed a Code of Practice to members to assist them in the coming weeks.

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