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## Calgary's nightspots recognized for top service standards

*Calgary...* Twenty-nine pubs, clubs, bars and lounges have been accredited with the Best Bar None program for their commitment to responsible service and safe operations.

In addition to accreditation, the venues that went beyond meeting the essential program criteria will receive awards at a formal ceremony on June 6 in Calgary.

"Putting measures in place to ensure a safe night out for patrons is a commitment to public safety and just good customer service," said Doug Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, also responsible for the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission. "By becoming Best Bar None-accredited, these establishments have set a high standard in the industry."

Best Bar None aims to reduce alcohol-related harms by raising the operating standards of licensed premises as well as building positive relationships among the licensees, law enforcement, industry partners and community groups. The program uses a system of accreditation, assessment and awards to engage nightspots in responsible management and safe operations.

"All participants are successful the moment you start moving towards a worthwhile goal," says Marc Halat, Chief Licensing Officer and manager of Compliance Services at The City of Calgary. "The program is a success and as much as we would have liked to accredit all participants we cannot; however, all need to be identified as successful because they are raising their standard of safety."

Fifty-six of Calgary's approximately 300 Class A Minors-Prohibited venues applied for accreditation. Pubs led the pack with a total of 35 applicants. Sixteen of those 35 were successful in receiving accreditation.

"The Calgary Police Service works regularly with licensed establishments that are strongly committed to ensuring patron safety, and many of these bars are among those receiving Best Bar None accreditation," says Deputy Chief Trevor Daroux. "In addition to congratulating those on today's list of accredited bars, we would like to encourage others to seek accreditation in the future."

Best Bar None partners include the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, The City of Calgary and the Calgary Police Service. The program is also supported by community agencies such as the Public Safety Taskforce and the Alberta Safer Bars Council.

More information about the program is available at [bestbarnone.ab.ca](http://bestbarnone.ab.ca). Follow [@BestBarNoneYYC](https://twitter.com/BestBarNoneYYC) or join the conversation [#partysafeYYC](https://twitter.com/partysafeYYC).

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Scan this QRcode with your smartphone for more on the accreditation and the awards.

**Background:** Information on Best Bar None criteria and a list of accredited venues.

**Editor's Note:** Media are invited to attend the Accreditation and Awards Event on June 6 at the Jack Singer Hall Lobby, EPCOR Centre for the Arts, from 6 to 10 p.m.

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The criteria for Best Bar None accreditation and awards fall into three categories: Essential, Desired and Bonus. Meeting the Essential criteria is required for accreditation, while meeting the Desired and/or Bonus criteria merits eligibility for awards (Winner, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Runners-Up in the five categories – pub, large pub, bar/lounge, hotel/restaurant lounge, club).

For more information on accreditation criteria, visit [bestbarnone.ab.ca](http://bestbarnone.ab.ca).

### Best Bar None Accredited Venues:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1410 World Bier Haus</li> <li>• Berwick Public House</li> <li>• Black Bull Pub</li> <li>• Bottlescrew Bill's Pub</li> <li>• Classic Jack's Restaurant and Bar</li> <li>• Commonwealth Bar and Stage</li> <li>• Dalton's Lounge – Greenwood Inn</li> <li>• F.A.T.S. Bar and Grill (Fifth Avenue and Tenth Street)</li> <li>• Flames Central</li> <li>• Hudsons Canadian Tap House (Downtown)</li> <li>• Hudsons Canadian Tap House (Shawnessy)</li> <li>• Jetz Bar &amp; Lounge – Best Western Port O'Call Hotel</li> <li>• Jimmy's Nightclub – Coast Plaza Hotel</li> <li>• Kilt and Caber Ale House</li> <li>• King's Head Pub and Eatery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Melrose Café and Bar (17 Avenue)</li> <li>• Pete's Peanut Pub Ltd.</li> <li>• Point and Feather Pub</li> <li>• Ranchman's Cookhouse and Dancehall</li> <li>• Rose and Crown Pub and Restaurant</li> <li>• Schanks Sports Bar (Macleod Trail)</li> <li>• Soho Bar and Grill</li> <li>• St. James Corner</li> <li>• Ten X Entertainment</li> <li>• The Belfry Gastro House</li> <li>• The Unicorn Pub</li> <li>• TYN Lounge</li> <li>• Woody's Taphouse (Country Hills)</li> <li>• Woody's Taphouse (South Trail)</li> </ul>
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