

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Class A License Holder:

The Appleton Police Department continues to fight the war on drugs and needs your assistance. Paraphernalia used to ingest, inhale, store, conceal, alter, process and package illegal drugs is readily available for sale in many retail locations throughout the City. One easy way to combat the drug problem is to make it difficult for drug users to purchase drug paraphernalia. Therefore, the Appleton Police Department is asking that all retail establishments discontinue selling such items. If you need assistance identifying such items, please contact Lt. Steve Elliott at 832-5500.

State Statute and the Appleton Municipal Code prohibit the possession, manufacture and delivery of drug paraphernalia. This means that the owner of a retail establishment or an employee can be cited or charged criminally if such items are in their possession or sold.

The penalty for possessing, manufacturing or delivering drug paraphernalia for a first offense ordinance violation is a forfeiture of \$389.50 and for a second offense is \$767.50. If a person is charged criminally, the penalties are substantially higher and may include imprisonment.

In addition, Ordinance 9-54 allows the City to assign 100 demerit points to a beer/liquor license if drug paraphernalia is on the premises and is sold by or in the possession of the owner or employees.

Feel free to contact Lt. Steve Elliott at 832-5500, if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

Peter J. Helein Chief of Police