

Now That You're

18

Know Your Rights & Responsibilities

Arrests



Now that you are an adult, you will be treated like one if you get arrested. Adults can be convicted of three levels of crimes: misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor, and felony.

Once you're 18, you can be sued for money disputes, compensation for an injury to property or a person, or for breach of contract.

Civil Law



Getting Around



You are responsible for your own traffic violations or accidents, so follow traffic laws or face the consequences.

Alcohol

You must be at least 21 years of age to purchase or drink alcohol in Nevada.



Drugs



Any possession, selling, manufacturing or transporting of a controlled substance over 4 grams is considered drug trafficking.



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Internet



Protect your personal information from online hackers (social security number, address, etc.). Remember people online aren't always who they say they are.

In order to be legally married in Nevada, you must have both a marriage license and a marriage ceremony performed by a qualified person.

Marriage



Sex



If you are under 21 but over 18 and have sexual relations with a person under 16, then you are guilty of a gross misdemeanor. If you don't know the person is younger than 16, you can still be found guilty.

A credit report shows your debts, credit score, and how promptly you have paid bills in the past. Lenders and landlords will look at this information.

Credit



Work



Nevada is an "at-will" employment state, which means employment contracts can be terminated by the employer whenever and for whatever reason with exceptions. Visit website for list of exceptions.

For more information on these facts and many others, please visit

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