

The following is an excerpt from the U. S. Secret Service Manual, Section 10, Chapter I, Page 7.

10. Liquor, use of.--a. Employees are strictly enjoined to refrain from the use of intoxicating liquor during the hours they are officially employed at their post of duty, or when they may reasonably expect that they may be called upon to perform an official duty. During entire periods of travel status, the special agent is officially employed and should not use liquor, until the completion of all of his official duties for the day, after which time a very moderate use of liquor will not be considered a violation. However, all members of the White House Detail and special agents cooperating with them on Presidential and similar protective assignments are considered to be subject to call for official duty at any time while in travel status. Therefore, the use of intoxicating liquor of any kind, including beer and wine, by members of the White House Detail and special agents cooperating with them, or by special agents on similar assignments, while they are in a travel status, is prohibited.

b. It may be necessary to call to duty suddenly special agents who are assigned to or who are cooperating on Presidential protection details at times either during the day or night when they are off duty or on leave at their official posts. Special agents who are subject to unexpected calls of this nature will be expected to be in condition to respond promptly and to perform their duties with thorough efficiency.

c. Violation or slight disregard of the above paragraphs or the excessive or improper use of intoxicating liquor at any time will be cause for removal from the Service. In interpreting the words "excessive" and "improper", slight evidence tending to indicate unusual or questionable conduct will be considered proof that the use of liquor has been improper or excessive. Association with others who drink to excess will be considered as an indication of using more than a moderate amount of liquor. The excuse that liquor was used for medicinal purposes will not be accepted.

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d. A special agent, with prior approval of his superior officer, may partake of liquor while employed upon cases where his identity is concealed and where liquor must be drunk to prevent the arousing of suspicion of the person under investigation.