


# PARENTS WHO HOST LOSE THE MOST



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## *Underage Drinking Laws*

### **What parents should know:**

- As a parent, you cannot give alcohol to your teen's friends under the age of 21 under any circumstance, even in your own home, even with their parent's permission.
- You cannot knowingly allow a person under 21, other than your own child, to remain in your home or on your property while consuming or possessing alcohol.

### **If you break the law:**

- You can face a maximum sentence of six months in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine.
- Others can sue you if you give alcohol to anyone under 21 and they, in turn, hurt someone, hurt themselves or damage property.
- Officers can take any alcohol, money or property used in committing the offense.


### **Things you can do as a parent:**

- Refuse to supply alcohol to children other than your own in your home or on your property.
- Be at home when your teen has a party.
- Make sure that alcohol is not brought into your home or property by your teen's friends.
- Talk to other parents about not providing alcohol at other events your child will be attending.
- Create alcohol-free opportunities and activities in your home so teens will feel welcome.
- Report underage drinking by calling the anonymous, toll-free Hotline at 1-877-4-MINORS.

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## *Fact Sheet*

### Public awareness campaign

**Subject:** Underage Drinking

**Target audience:** Parents of teens

**Objective:** Inform parents that:

- \* It is illegal to make alcohol available to children other than your own.
- \* It is illegal to host or allow teen drinking parties in your home.
- \* It is illegal, unhealthy and unacceptable for anyone under age 21 to drink.
- \* It is unsafe and illegal for teens to drink and drive.
- \* Parents can be prosecuted under the law.
- \* Everything associated with a violation, such as personal property, can be confiscated.

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