

Avoid Social Hosting

Don't be a party to underage drinking!

No matter the time of year, it seems like another celebration is right around the corner.

When it's party time, do you know how to keep everyone safe and out of trouble?

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an adult who, with or without knowledge, hosts underage drinking on property that they own, lease or otherwise control.

Through social host liability laws, **adults can be held responsible for underage drinking parties, regardless of who furnishes the alcohol.** Even if other parents give their permission, adult hosts could be fined up to \$1,000 and serve up to a year of time in jail!

DID YOU KNOW?

Parents and other adults may provide or allow alcohol for teens thinking it's safer at home than elsewhere. **HOWEVER**, teens who consume alcohol at home are actually **MORE** likely to drink alcohol outside the home and engage in other risky behaviors.

You can help prevent underage drinking by following these tips:

- Set no-drinking rules and consequences with your teen. Be consistent with them.
- Refuse to supply alcohol to anyone under 21 and ask other parents to not allow alcohol at their house or events.
- Keep track of the alcohol in your home. Count it and lock it up.
- Help your child learn different ways to say "no" if offered alcohol.
- Create alcohol-free opportunities and activities in your home when you host teens.