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?**

**social host** n \ˈsō-shəl ˈhōst\ — 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.