

**PARENTS  
WHO HOST  
LOSE  
THE MOST™**



Don't be  
a party to  
teenage  
drinking.

It's against  
the law.

**Call 911 to report violations**

### **Underage Drinking Laws**

#### **As a parent what do you need to know?**

- It is illegal for anyone under 21 to drink alcohol.
- Parents can be prosecuted under the law for hosting underage drinking parties.
- Parents can be held responsible if their children consume, purchase, or possess alcohol
- It is unsafe and illegal to drink and drive

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

- You can face a maximum sentence of up to one year in jail and/or a \$2,500 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 confiscate any alcohol, money, or property used in committing the offense.

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

- Call other parents to ensure social events are alcohol free and chaperoned.
- Refuse to supply alcohol to anyone under 21.
- Lock-up your alcoholic beverages.
- Make sure that alcohol is not brought into your home or on your property by your teen's friends or older siblings.
- Report underage drinking parties to police-**call 911.**



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