



## ***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.
- 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:**

- 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.
- 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 911.

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