



*What teens should know about underage drinking laws.*

Northeast Community Challenge Coalition

## *Underage Drinking Laws*

### What teens should know:

- **Persons under 21 cannot purchase, consume, possess, or share** the cost of an alcoholic beverage. If you break the law you can face a first degree misdemeanor, and a maximum fine of \$1000 and/or six months in jail
- **A person under the age of 21 who presents a false, fictitious, or fake I.D. or drivers license** when purchasing beer or liquor shall receive the following penalties:  
**First Offense:** Mandatory fine of \$250 - \$1000 and possible jail time up to six months.  
**Second Offense:** Mandatory fine of \$500 - \$1000 and possible jail time up to six months and possible license suspension for up to 60 days.  
**Third Offense:** Mandatory fine of \$500 - \$1000 and 90 day license suspension. Possible jail time up to six months and possible license suspension until 21 with an option of community service.
- **Any driver under 21 who has a blood alcohol level of at least .02% can face a 60 day to 2 year license suspension.** Four points will be assessed to your driving record. A remedial driving course must be completed before your drivers license will be reissued. The courts may commit you to as many as three days in a alcohol/drug addiction program.

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Don't be a party to teenage drinking.

It's against the law.

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### 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 \$1000 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.
- 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, Hotline at 513-825-2280.

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