



PARTY TIPS

KNOW YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE

It is up to you, the adult, to make sure all these rules are followed.

This law does not apply just to parents. If you are 18 or older you can be charged including if you are an older sibling, a friend having friends over, the renter of an apartment, or an older family member.

- It does not have to be a party for it to fall under the Social Host Law, it could be a small socially distanced gathering.
- Providing space and allowing substances is in violation of the Social Host Law, you do not have to provide the substances.

BEFORE THE PARTY

Be considerate of your neighbors.

- Talk to them prior to your event and agree on how to communicate if issues come up.

Agree to the rules in advance and make sure they are known by attendees.

- Know who will be attending.
- Do not provide or allow the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, cannabis (marijuana), vapes etc. Legal substances such as alcohol, tobacco, and cannabis (marijuana) should be used only by those over 21.
- No leaving the party then returning.
- Limit which rooms are to be used and lock doors to private areas in your home (such as bedrooms or basements) and secure valuables and medications in a safe place.

Ensure that drinking is not the primary focus of the party.

- Plan entertainment and other activities such as yard games or board games, and avoid competitive drinking such as beer pong.
- Provide plenty of snacks, appetizers, and food.

Welcome and encourage calls from other parents and care givers.



DURING THE PARTY

Model appropriate behavior for your guests.

- Remain sober or designate a sober host to monitor the party.

Offer plenty of non-alcoholic drinks.

- Bottled water, coffee, soft drinks, and fruit juice.

Control Access to alcohol available for adults.

- Avoid communal sources such as kegs and punch bowls or consider hiring a trained professional to serve drinks at your parties. Either way:
 - Request identification from everyone. Guests who cannot provide ID should not be given alcohol.
 - Stop serving alcohol at least one hour before the party ends.
 - If someone is visibly intoxicated stop serving them alcohol and secure their safety. Provide a safe way home, and/or monitor for alcohol poisoning.

Ensure illegal substances are not being used.



AFTER THE PARTY

Discuss with your family how it went, and any changes needed for the next time.



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