

WHAT IS THE SOCIAL HOST LAW?

To deter underage drinking parties/gatherings where adults knowingly allow minors to drink alcohol or alcoholic beverages, or use drugs, **whether or not** they provide the alcohol or drugs

Who Can Be Charged?

Anyone over the age of 18; and

- owns, rents, or otherwise controls a private dwelling (including yards and open areas adjacent); and
- knowingly allows the consumption of drugs or alcohol by minors; and/or
- fails to take reasonable corrective action upon learning of the consumption of alcohol or drug use by any minor

What is Reasonable Corrective Action?

- Making a prompt demand that the minor(s) stop drinking or using drugs and leave the premises; and
- If the minor(s) refuse to comply with the request, the adult must promptly report the drug use and underage drinking to:
 - law enforcement; or
 - Any other person with a greater degree of authority over the minor(s), such as a parent/guardian



What are the Penalties?

First Offense: Any person who violates this law shall be guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

Second and subsequent offenses: Any person who violates this law shall be guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, a term of imprisonment not to exceed one year, or both.

SAFE PARTY TIPS

Know YOU Are Responsible

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.

Before The Party

- Be considerate of your neighbors
- Agree to the rules in advance
 - **Do not provide or allow substance use by anyone under the age of 21**
- Assure that drinking is not the primary focus
 - Plan entertainment and other activities
- Welcome and encourage calls from other parents and caregivers



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
- **Control access to alcohol available for adults**
 - Avoid communal sources such as kegs or punch bowls
- 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.

