

As parents, you are naturally concerned about the safety, health and development of your children.

We are too.

A parent's attitude and behavior toward alcohol, much like attitudes and behaviors about other issues, may influence the attitudes and behaviors of children.

We need YOUR help to protect Ohio's children...

- Talk to your children about alcohol and the law.
- Be at home when your children have a party, and do not provide alcohol or allow drinking.
- Contact law enforcement if you are aware of underage persons purchasing or consuming alcohol.
- Report establishments that sell alcohol to those under 21 by calling the Investigative Unit's enforcement hotline at:

1-877-4MINORS

If you have any questions about alcohol and the law, call the Ohio Investigative Unit at
(614) 644-2415



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Do Your Teenager's Friends Drink in Your Home?





If so, you are

breaking the law!

You should know...

You cannot give alcohol to your children's friends under 21 years of age – even in your own home with their parent's permission.

Nor can you knowingly allow anyone under 21 to remain in your home or on your property while they possess or consume alcoholic beverages.

If you do, you are breaking the law!

What this means to you...

⌘ If you are convicted of providing alcohol to a person under 21 years of age, the maximum sentence is:

**6 months in jail and/or
\$1,000 fine**

⌘ Officers can take any alcohol, money or property (refrigerator, furniture, stereos, etc.) used to commit any offense.

YOU MAY NOT GET IT BACK!

⌘ Others can sue you if you provide alcohol to anyone under 21 and they, in turn, damage property or injure or kill someone.

⌘ You may lose time and money for:

- attorney fees/lawsuits
- court appearances and costs
- jail term
- fines
- higher insurance rates

Why do we have these laws?

Teenage drinking often leads to fights, vandalism, drunk driving and other dangerous behavior.

Alcohol abuse can interfere with emotional and social growth and often leads to failure in school.

Alcohol dependency can develop rapidly for those under 21, often in less than a year. Studies indicate parents often times do not find out for at least another year.

Legally, parents can give alcohol to their own children who are under the age of 21.

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