

Parents:

Don't be a Party to underage drinking

KNOW THE LAW

In Texas, a person may provide alcohol to a minor if he or she is the minor's adult parent, guardian or spouse, and is visibly present when the minor possesses or consumes the alcoholic beverage.

IT'S AGAINST THE LAW TO:

- ❖ **make alcohol available to a person younger than 21** (other than your child) even in your own residence, even with their parent's permission

IF YOU BREAK THE LAW:

- ❖ **you face a maximum penalty** of one year in jail, a \$4,000 fine, and an automatic suspension of your driver's license for 180 days upon conviction
- ❖ **you can be held civilly liable** for damages caused by the intoxication of a minor younger than 18 if you *knowingly* provided alcohol or allowed the minor to be served alcohol on property owned or leased by you, and they, in turn, hurt someone, hurt themselves, or damage property

THINGS YOU CAN DO AS A PARENT:

- ❖ **Refuse to supply** alcohol to youth.
- ❖ **Be at home** when your child has a party.
- ❖ **Make sure alcohol is not brought** into your home or onto your property by your child's friends.
- ❖ **Talk to other parents** about not providing alcohol at events your child will be attending.
- ❖ **Create alcohol-free** activities in your home.
- ❖ **Report underage drinking.** Call the anonymous, toll-free hotline at 1-888-THE-TABC.



The Alliance Against Underage Drinking
Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission
Texas Department of Transportation

Students:

UNDERAGE DRINKING
is
AGAINST THE LAW!

If you're **UNDER 21**,

it's a **CLASS C MISDEMEANOR** to:

- ❖ possess or consume alcoholic beverages
- ❖ purchase or attempt to purchase alcoholic beverages
- ❖ misrepresent your age to obtain alcoholic beverages
- ❖ be intoxicated in public
- ❖ drive while having *any* detectable amount of **alcohol** in your system

CONSEQUENCES

- ❖ Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine up to **\$500**
- ❖ Alcohol awareness course
- ❖ Community service
- ❖ **Driver's license suspension or denial**
- ❖ If you are 17 or older, on the third offense, the fine increases to **\$2,000** and/or up to **180 days in jail**, in addition to driver's license suspension.

To report violations, call **1-888-THE-TABC**.