

**PARENTS
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FACT CARD

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- It is illegal to host or allow teen drinking parties in your home.
- It is unhealthy for anyone under the age of 21 to drink.
- It is unsafe and illegal for teens to drink and drive.
- Anyone 18 years or older can and will be prosecuted under the law.
- Everything associated with a violation, such as personal property, can be confiscated.



NASSAU COUNTY'S SOCIAL HOST LAW

What parents should know:

- You and anyone over the age of 18 are breaking the law if you give alcohol to your teen's friends who are under the age of 21, under any circumstance.
- You and anyone over the age of 18 are subject to prosecution by the Social Host Law if you knowingly allow a person under 21 to remain in your home or on your property while consuming or possessing alcoholic beverages.

If you break the law:

- A violation of the Social Host Law is a **misdemeanor - a criminal conviction** and punishable by progressive fines and penalties:

1st Offense is subject to a fine of \$250

2nd Offense is subject to a fine of \$500

3rd Offense and future offenses are subject to a fine of \$1000 and/or up to a year in jail.

Things you can do as a parent:

- Refuse to supply alcohol to anyone under 21.
- 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 to the Nassau County 6th Precinct at Police Department:

(516) 573-6600

