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### **Underage Drinking Laws**

#### **What Parents Should know:**

- As parents, you cannot give alcohol to your teen's friends underage the age of 21 under any circumstance, even in your own home, even with their parent's permission.
- You cannot knowingly allow a person under 21, other than your own child, to remain in your home or on your property while consuming or possessing alcohol.

#### **If you break the law:**

- You can face a maximum sentence of one year in jail and/or \$1,000.00 fine.
- Others can sue you if you give alcohol to anyone under 21 and they, in turn, hurt someone, hurt themselves or damage property.
- You can be sued with the possibility of losing your home and financial security.

#### **Things you can do as a parent:**

- Refuse to supply alcohol to children other than your own in your home or on your property.
- Be at home when your teen has a party.
- Make sure that your teen's friends do not bring alcohol into your home.
- 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.

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