

## Party Host Liability Law

Most underage drinkers get their alcohol from adults. In 2004 the NH legislature passed a law (RSA 644:18) to hold “hosts” of parties responsible for the actions of underage participants. This law can be applied to any adult.

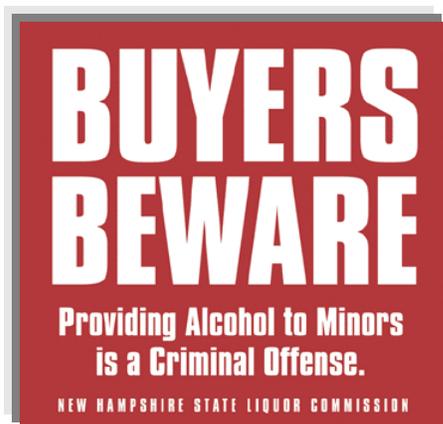
### To stay safe under this law

People whose properties may be the site of underage drinking or drug parties should:

- tell local law enforcement officials as soon as possible
- take action to prevent the party
- try to stop the party, if it has already started.

### What can happen to “hosts”?

Under this law, a person who hosts a party where minors drink alcohol or use drugs may be charged with a misdemeanor, fined up to \$2,000 and/or spend a year in jail.



## The Risk You're Talking

- If a person under the age of 21 is caught in possession of alcohol they face a minimum fine of \$300 for the first offence and \$600 for each subsequent offence.
- If a person under the age of 21 is caught trying to purchase alcohol they face fines up to \$1000.
- If a person under that age of 21 is caught transporting alcohol in a vehicle they face fines up to \$1000 and possible vehicle forfeiture to the state. This means you could lose the vehicle permanently!
- If any person is caught possessing, manufacturing, selling or advertising for sale false identification they face fines up to \$2000 and/or 1 year in jail. In some instances, manufacturing false identification can lead to a prison sentence of 3½ to 7 years.
- If a person under the age of 21 drives or attempts to drive a vehicle with a Blood Alcohol concentration (BAC) of .02% or greater they face a minimum \$500 fine and license suspension from 9 months to 2 years.
- If you are convicted of any offense involving the sale, possession, use, or abuse of alcohol the state can deny you a driver's license or revoke your driving privileges for 90 days up to 1 year on the first offense or for 6 months to 2 years for a subsequent offense.

### You can be part of the solution

