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**1-888-UNDER21**

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## *Fact Sheet*

Public Awareness Campaign

**Subject:** Underage Drinking

**Target Audience:** Parents of teens

**Objective:** Inform parents that:

- It is illegal to host or allow teen drinking parties in your home.
- It is unhealthy for anyone under age 21 to drink.
- It is unsafe and illegal for teens to drink and drive.
- Parents can be prosecuted under the law.



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## *Underage Drinking Laws*

**What parents should know:**

- As a parent, you cannot give alcohol to your teen's friends under 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 a \$2,500 fine.
- Others can sue you if you give alcohol to anyone under 21, and they, in turn, hurt someone, hurt themselves, or damage property.
- Law enforcement can seize any alcohol, money, or property used in committing the offense.

**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 at 1-888-UNDER21.