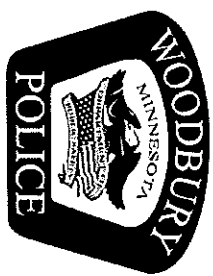
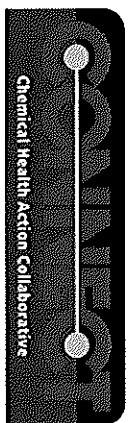


Do you know who's drinking at your house tonight?
Social Host Law in Cottage Grove, St. Paul Park and Woodbury
makes YOU criminally responsible for Underage Drinking on
your property.

Your Consequences:
Up to 90 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine

Those Who Host, Lose The Most!



YOU play an important role in keeping alcohol out of the hands of youth!

WHAT IS THE SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCE?

- This ordinance applies to situations in which the social host knows or has reason to know that alcohol is being consumed by persons under 21 years of age at the gathering.
- Under this ordinance, the social host does not have to be present at the gathering to be criminally responsible.
- The Social Host Ordinance holds individuals (social hosts) criminally responsible for hosting or permitting an event or gathering on private or public property where persons under 21 years of age consume alcohol, regardless of their age or who supplied the alcohol.
- The ordinance does not apply to conduct solely between an underage person and his/her parents in the parent's household and legally protected religious observances.

HOW TO BE A RESPONSIBLE HOST

Protect yourself and your guests from criminal and civil liability by being a responsible host. Keep in mind the following tips if you are hosting a gathering in which guests under the age of 21 are in attendance:

- Verify the age of guests and ensure that alcohol is not served to those under age 21.
- Control access to alcohol.
- Control the quantity of alcohol served to adults.
- Supervise persons under 21 years of age.
- Refuse entrance to uninvited people, especially the ones who arrive at the door with alcohol or are already intoxicated.
- Call the Police for assistance with uninvited people.

See your local city ordinances for definitions and more information

HOW TO REPORT A POSSIBLE VIOLATION

To report parties or gatherings where minors have access to alcohol, call 9-1-1. Your call may prevent motor vehicle crashes, sexual assault, unintentional injuries, or alcohol poisoning.

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