



## Hosting a Party with Underage Drinking is **ILLEGAL!**

- A parent cannot legally give a host permission to let their child drink alcohol. Regardless of what your child or other parents may tell you...it is still illegal.
- Do Not Break the Law... Tell your child that underage drinking is **NOT** tolerated in your home!
- Accidents happen more often when alcohol is a factor, and parents can be held responsible for accidents that happen as a result of underage drinking in their home, or if they provide alcohol for consumption elsewhere. You will be held both criminally, and civilly, liable.
- Even if you **PROVIDE ONLY ONE DRINK**, you are still **LIABLE FOR ALL DRINKS** that that person consumes. This is because every drink leads to an increase in blood alcohol content, and every drink consumed creates liability for a resulting tragedy.

### **CIVIL LIABILITY:**

- Parents, property owners, and people who purchase alcohol, can be held liable if as a result of underage drinking:
- Someone is injured on their property;
- Another's property gets damaged;
- Any person dies as a result of drinking, or as a result of the actions of a person who was drinking;
- If an accident causes injury, such as by falling, choking, swimming, or driving;
- You are liable for the consequences caused by, or suffered by, any underage drinker, such as sex offenses or assault - **EVEN WHEN THEY ARE NO LONGER AT YOUR PARTY!**
- You could be putting your home, your savings, and/or your employment at risk, just by hosting an underage drinking party!

### **CRIMINAL LIABILITY:**

Depending upon the facts of the underage drinking, it is possible for the Host to be charged with the felonies of:

- **Reckless Endangerment, Criminally Negligent Homicide, Manslaughter, and even Murder.**

At a minimum, even without anyone being injured, Hosts can be charged with:

- **Unlawfully Dealing with a Minor, and/or Endangering the Welfare of a Minor-Class A Misdemeanors.**

**Both charges bring a potential of One-Year in Jail.**

### **Schuyler County Commission on Underage Drinking**

If you would like more information on these issues please contact:

For reporting any criminal activity including underage drinking parties please call the Crime Information and Drug Activity Tip Line: 607-535-8224

For treatment and/or assessment related to alcohol and/or substance abuse please call the FLACRA office:  
607-535-8260

For prevention education please call the Council on Alcoholism and Addictions of the Finger Lakes:  
607-535-8264