

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND HELP:

Emergencies: 911

Helpline: 211

NH Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services: 800-804-0909

NH Liquor Commission Bureau of Enforcement: 888-868-3721

PARTY HOST LIABILITY RESOURCES:

Call 211 to report an underage drinking party

- The Law: www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/LXII/644/644-18.htm
- Your local law enforcement agency
 - www.new-futures.org
 - www.drugfreeNH.org



NH DHHS' Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services

LEARN ABOUT NH'S PARTY HOST LIABILITY LAW



DON'T LET IGNORANCE OF THE LAW TRASH A GREAT PARTY

There are a lot of occasions throughout the year that call for a party - graduations, proms, holidays, birthday parties - heck, it's not hard to come up with a whole bunch of reasons to throw a bash!

BUT...

Many people don't realize that if you're hosting a wedding, barbeque, sporting event, or any social gathering at your home, or on your property, and alcohol is being served, you are legally responsible for the safety of your guests. Please take the time to learn about the Party Host Liability Law (RSA 644:18) which holds



“hosts” of parties responsible for the actions of underage participants. A perception that “nothing will happen” can be dangerous for your family, friends, community, and can have consequences for you, and others.

If you are concerned about underage drinking, call 211 to anonymously report underage alcohol violations such as sales to minors and/or upcoming parties. Partner with law enforcement and coalitions in your community to reduce underage drinking. Visit drugfreeNH.org or call 800-804-0909, press 2, for information about coalitions in your area working to reduce underage and binge drinking.

HERE ARE SOME DETAILS ON HOST LIABILITY

Under this law:

A “host” is a person who:

- is at least 17 years old
- owns, rents, or has control of the site
- knows about the party; **and**
- knows that people under the age of 21 have a plan to drink alcohol or use drugs

“Party” means:

- five or more people under the age of 21 (not related to the host) are present; **and**
- at least one person under the age of 21 has an alcoholic drink or an illegal drug

Possible Consequences:

...to Hosts:

- Charged with misdemeanor
- Fines up to \$2000
- Spend a year in jail

to Underage Drinkers:

- License suspension
- Loss of vehicle
- Loss of college scholarships
- Fines up to \$600
- If caught with false ID fines up to \$2000
- Prison sentence