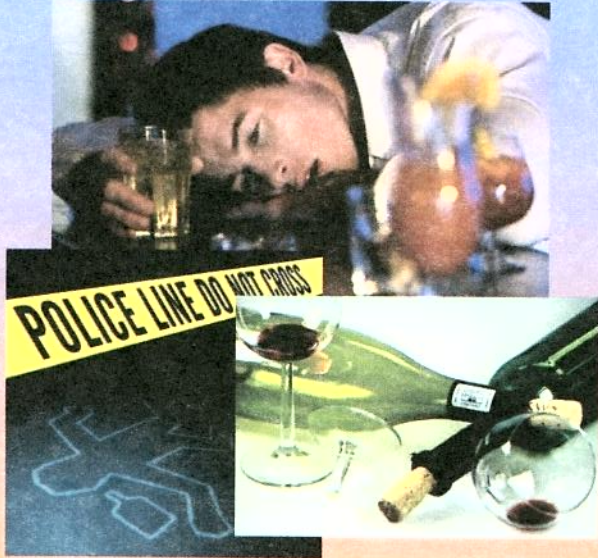


Who does the "Social Host" law apply to:

- 18 years old or older
- Owns, rents or otherwise controls a private residence
- Knows or has reason to know alcoholic beverages being consumed by a person under age 21 on the premises



Penalties: A Criminal Charge – An Unclassified Misdemeanor

- 1ST Offense: \$250.00 Fine and a Criminal Conviction
- 2nd Offense: \$500.00 Fine and a Criminal Conviction
- 3rd Offense: \$1,000.00 Fine and/or Up To A Year in Jail

**UNDERAGE DRINKING
BEGINS WITH AN
ADULT –
AND AN EXCUSE**

IT'S OK WITH ME IF HE HAS A BEER. MY SON KNOWS THE LIMIT

What's the big deal?

**WE DRANK AT 18 &
WE TURNED OUT FINE**

**KIDS WILL BE
KIDS – YOU
CAN'T STOP IT**

IT'S BETTER IF SHE DRINKS AT HOME WITH HER FRIENDS THAN IN A PARKING LOT SOMEWHERE



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SOCIAL HOST LAW**





District Attorney Kathleen Rice worked with Legislator Dave Mejias to pass the “Social Host” law to help keep Nassau County’s young people safe from the hazards associated with un-

derage consumption of alcohol:

DWI, assaults, criminal mischief and even teenage suicides are far more prevalent when alcohol is involved. In one short year we lost three of our young people in non-DWI incidents: An intoxicated young man was struck and killed while crossing a busy street; an intoxicated young woman was electrocuted by the LIRR third rail walking home and another intoxicated young man fell in a home and sustained head injuries that took his life.

The “Social Host” law is an effort to give parents the security of knowing their children are not being served alcohol in another home or the “extra” reason to say no when their own children want them to be the “cool” parents and allow “just a little” alcohol. In the end it is all about safe, healthy kids.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- Q: What if I’m not home at the time of the drinking?
- A: If you are not home and did not know alcohol would be served to minors you are not liable. If you knew or had a history of providing alcohol and leaving, you could be charged.
- Q: What if my 18 year old son has a party I don’t know about?
- A: You can not be charged but your son can.
- Q: Can a landlord be charged if they do not reside at the location?
- A: If the landlord is on notice that the property is being used for underage drinking and takes no corrective action, the landlord can be charged.
- Q: Will a Social Host Law conviction be on my record?
- A: Yes, it is a criminal conviction.
- Q: Are there insurance implications?
- A: Depending on your policy, your insurance may not cover an incident arising out of a Social Host violation.

START TALKING BEFORE THEY START DRINKING

Kids who drink before age 15 are 5 times more likely to have alcohol problems when they’re adults.
To learn more, go to www.stopalcoholabuse.gov or call 1.800.729.6686



EXCEPTIONS:

- Reasonable Corrective Action:
If the person in control of the premises (“host”) learns of under age consumption, the host will not be subject to “Social Host” sanctions if the host makes a prompt demand of the underage drinker:
 - ♦ To forfeit the alcoholic beverage and discontinue drinking it; OR
 - ♦
 - ♦ Depart from the premises

If the demands are rejected, the host must promptly report the underage consumption:

To local law enforcement, OR
Any person with a greater degree of authority over the minor (such as a parent or guardian)

Underage consumption of alcohol when the minor’s parent or guardian is actually present and has expressly consented.
The use and consumption of alcohol by a minor for religious purposes