

KNOW THE LAW

Don't give people under 21 a place to drink

What is a social host?

Any person who provides the location for people under 21 to drink alcohol.

It's the Law

Oklahoma's Social Host law means it's up to you to make sure kids don't drink in your home or on your property. The law is clear: If kids under age 21 are drinking alcohol at a gathering, and you're providing the location for that gathering, you're responsible — whether you're an adult or a minor, and whether you rent, own, or simply provide the location. Fines for the first offense are up to \$500.

They're All Our Kids

It's unthinkable to imagine your child in a drunk-driving crash, a fight, engaging in risky sexual activity or any incident caused by underage drinking. And there's no doubt you'd do anything in your power to keep that from happening.

But would it be acceptable if something like this happened to your child's best friend? Your nephew? Your neighbor's kid? Any kid?

Of course it wouldn't. That's why it's so important that we do everything in our power to keep alcohol away from kids. Because they're all our kids. They're Oklahoma's kids. And Oklahomans look out for their own.

Oklahoma's Social Host Law:

- **Property Owners are Accountable.** If people under 21 are gathered and drinking on private property, the person who provides the location is considered the Social Host, and will be held accountable.
- **Accountability Goes Beyond the Party.** A "Social Host" can be a minor or adult and does not have to be physically present or the actual property owner.
- **Fines are Immediate.** Social Host violations carry a first-time fine of up to \$500.
- **Adults and Minors are Accountable.** If someone is injured or killed because of a Social Host violation, you can be charged with a felony, punishable by up to 5 years in prison and a fine up to \$2,500.
- **Repeat Offenders Can go to Prison.** Fines increase with additional violations — three strikes gets you a felony conviction with up to 5 years in prison and a fine up to \$2,500.

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