

We urge everyone to increase awareness about teens attending parties where underage drinking is allowed. Please familiarize yourself with the Ct. State Statutes regarding hosting parties where underage drinking occurs.

(State of Connecticut, House Bill No. 5211, Public Act No. 06-112
AN ACT CONCERNING UNDERAGE DRINKING

SUMMARY: This act makes it illegal for someone who possesses or controls private property, including a dwelling unit, to (1) knowingly permit a minor to illegally possess alcohol in the unit or on the property or (2) fail to make reasonable efforts to stop a minor from possessing alcohol in the unit or on the property when he knows the minor possesses alcohol illegally. The act makes a first offense an infraction and subsequent offenses subject to up to one year in prison, a fine of up to \$500, or both.

The act makes it illegal for a minor to possess alcohol anywhere, rather than only in public places. Under prior law, the penalty for illegal possession in public places was a fine of \$200 to \$500. The act makes this the penalty for the second and subsequent offense of illegal possession, regardless of location, and makes a first offense an infraction.

For more information visit:

www.cga.ct.gov/2006/ACT/PA/2006PA-00112-R00HB-05211-PA.htm

SUMMARY OF OTHER CT UNDERAGE DRINKING LAWS

SUMMARY	PUBLIC ACT STATUTE	PENALTY
Prohibits anyone from allowing minors to possess alcohol or “host” underage drinking parties	PA. 06-112	First offense: \$146 fine Subsequent Offenses: Up to 1 year in prison and/or fine up to \$500
Prohibits anyone giving or delivering liquor to a minor	Sec. 30-86	Up to 18 months in prison, and/or fine up to \$1,000
Prohibits minors from operating a motor vehicle if their blood-alcohol-content (BAC) is higher than .02	Sec. 14-227g	First offense: Up to 6 months in prison with 48 hours of community service, and/or a fine up to \$1,000. <i>Subject to a 90 day suspension of driver’s license</i> Second offense: Up to 2 year in prison with 120 days of community service, and/or a fine of up to \$4,000. <i>Subject to a 9 month suspension of driver’s license.</i> Third offense: Up to 3 years in prison with 1 year community service, and/or a fine up to \$8,000.

		<i>Subject to a 2 year suspension of driver's license.</i>
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