

THE FACTS OF UNDERAGE DRINKING

CONSEQUENCES OF UNDER 21 DRINKING

Law enforcement officers can file charges against any driver under 21 who has a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of at least .02% but less than .10%. If convicted of operating a motor vehicle after underage consumption (OMVUAC):

- you can face a 60-day and not more than two-year license suspension.
- the courts may also commit you to as many as three days in a certified alcohol and drug addiction program.
- 4 points will be assessed to your driving record.
- a remedial driving course must be completed before your driver's license will be reissued. The remedial driving course is required to devote a number of hours to instruction in the area of alcohol and drugs in the operation of a motor vehicle.

USING A FAKE I.D. TO PURCHASE ALCOHOL

A person under the age of 21 who presents a false, fictitious, or altered I.D. or driver's license when purchasing beer or liquor shall receive the following penalties:

- **First Offense** — Mandatory fine of \$250-\$1,000 and jail time up to six months.
- **Second Offense** — Mandatory fine of \$500-\$1,000 and jail time up to six months and possible license suspension up to 60 days.
- **Third and Subsequent Offenses** — Mandatory fine of \$500-\$1,000 and jail time up to six months. 90-day license suspension with an option of community service and a license suspension until age 21.



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OUR DRUNK DRIVING LAWS TOO TOUGH?

In South Africa, a drunk driver is given a 10 year prison sentence, or a fine of \$10,000, or both. In Australia, the names of drunk drivers are sent to local papers and printed under the headline "He's Drunk and In Jail." In Malaysia, the driver is jailed; if he is married, his wife goes to jail too. In Turkey, drunk drivers are taken 20 miles from town by the police and forced to walk back—under escort. In San Salvador, drunk drivers are executed by firing squads. Anyone for a cocktail???

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WHAT PARENTS SHOULD KNOW

- You cannot give alcohol to your children's friends under 21 years of age under any circumstances, even in your own home, even with their parents' permission.
- You cannot knowingly allow a person under 21 to remain in your home or on your property while consuming or possessing alcoholic beverages.

IF YOU BREAK THE LAW

- You can face a maximum sentence of six months in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine.
- Officers can take any alcohol, money or property used in committing this offense (glasses, musical equipment, refrigerator, furniture). **YOU MAY NOT GET IT BACK!**
- Others can sue you if you give alcohol to anyone under 21 and they, in turn, hurt someone or damage property.

PREVENTION IS THE KEY

- Talk to your children about alcohol and the law.
- Be at home when your children have a party, and don't provide alcohol or allow drinking.
- Call the local police if you know of underage persons purchasing or consuming alcohol.
- Report anyone selling alcohol to persons under 21 by calling the Liquor Enforcement toll-free, anonymous **HOTLINE** at 1-800-282-3477.

REMEMBER! Alcohol-related crashes are the leading cause of teen-age deaths. Parents' attitudes and behaviors about alcohol influence the attitudes and behaviors of their children.

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