

If Serving Alcohol

- Ensure all those being served alcohol are of legal drinking age.
- Consider purchasing **alcohol liability insurance**. Call your local insurance company for details.
- The host should stay sober.
- Plan ahead on how to handle intoxicated guests.
- Avoid an open bar. People drink less when being served.
- Stop serving alcohol well before the party is over.
- Provide lots of food throughout the evening.
- Don't make drinking the focus of the party.
- Plan safe transportation home for the guests (designated drivers, money for taxis, etc.).
- Monitor guests' behaviour. Stop serving guests showing signs of intoxication.

For more information on party liability call:

Health Promotion Division
1300 Paris Street
Sudbury, Ontario P3E 3A3
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Tips for Students and Parents Hosting A Party



Reduce the risk and have a great time!

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!

It is Against the Law to:

- **Serve alcohol to someone under the age of 19.**
- **Provide alcohol to someone who is intoxicated.**

Liability: It is the Law

You are held responsible:

- **As a homeowner, for what goes on in your home or on your property.**
 - Even if you are not present.
 - Even if the guests bring their own alcohol.
 - Even if someone else provided the alcohol.
- **For guests at functions you organize such as graduation parties, etc.**
- **For your guest's safety and behaviour (including injuries and damages) until they are sober - not just until they leave!**

The Party is at Your House

Together, the parent(s) and the student need to make a written list of party rules including:

- Who is in charge.
- A list of the guests. Having the parent meet, and get to know, guests ahead of time will help them feel more comfortable having them in their home for a party.
- I identify a friend to help keep the party under control. Discuss the party rules with them.
- Set a definite start and finish time for the party and decide how to bring the party to an end.
- Decide who controls the entrance and how to handle unwanted guests (including those who arrived at the party under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol).
- That guests are not allowed to come and go from your home.
- Allowing friends to stay overnight if they can't get a safe ride home. Have sleeping bags, blankets and pillows ready.
- Keeping the party active with videos, dancing, games, etc.
- Ensure that alcohol and medications are stored where they are not accessible to guests.
- Non-alcoholic drinks are served. Suggestion: Serve canned pop or juices instead of an open punch bowl that can be spiked with drugs or alcohol.
- No drugs permitted.
- Deciding where in the home the party will occur and any "off limits" areas.
- Emergency measures to take if the party gets out of control.