

PARENTS WHO HOST LOSE THE MOST



Underage Drinking Laws

What parents should know:

- Ohio and Kentucky parents cannot give alcohol to their teen's friends under age 21 - even in their own home, even with permission of the friends' parents.
- In Ohio and Kentucky, adults cannot knowingly allow a person under age 21, other than their own child, to remain in their home or on their property while consuming or possessing alcohol.
- In Indiana, the above statements are true for their teen's friends, as well as their own teen.

If you break the law:

- Ohio parents face up to a \$1,000 fine and/or six months in jail.
- Kentucky parents face up to a \$500 fine and/or one year in jail.
- Indiana parents face up to a \$5,000 fine and/or one year in jail.

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Alcohol is *not* a harmless drug for tri-state teens. *Among teens surveyed in the Greater Cincinnati region in 2004:*

- Nearly 1 in 3 ninth through twelfth graders are regular users of alcohol.
- They are three times more likely to:
 - threaten their parents.
 - be absent 10 or more days from school.
 - carry a gun or other weapon to school.
- They are four times more likely to be in trouble with the police.
- They are more likely to become sexually active at an earlier age and engage in other risky behaviors.

Things *you* can do:

- Refuse to supply alcohol to anyone under 21.
- Be at home when your teen has a party.
- Make sure alcohol is not brought into your home or onto your property by your teen's friends.
- Talk to other parents about not providing alcohol at events your child will be attending.
- Create alcohol-free opportunities and activities in your home so teens will feel welcome.

Report underage drinking to local law enforcement.