

Q&A Social Host Ordinance

- **What is a Social Host Ordinance?** Many cities in Hennepin County have a Social Host Ordinance. That means if someone knowingly provides a place where underage drinking occurs, they are breaking the law and will be charged, even if they are under 21.
Close to 100 cities in Minnesota have a Social Host Ordinance, including Brooklyn Park, Crystal, Golden Valley, Maple Grove, New Hope, Osseo and Plymouth.
- **What happens if I am not home and my child allows underage drinking?** If a parent or property owner can prove they did not know underage drinking would occur, they will not be held responsible. But if youth know about or allow underage drinking on their family's property, they can be charged, even if they are under 21.
- **What if I allow my child to consume alcohol in our home?** A parent cannot be charged for allowing their underage child to consume alcohol in their home. It is illegal to allow someone else's underage child to consume alcohol.
- **Can I allow underage drinking at graduation parties or other celebrations?** No.

As parents, we need to make the right choice the easy choice. A safe environment for kids is not just about kids making good decisions. It's up to all of us.

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