

DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES

Fond du Lac County

NEW

Social Host Ordinances

Village of North Fond du Lac
City of Fond du Lac
Fond du Lac County

Social Host Information:

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- What can I do?

Current Alcohol Use

29% of 9th and 11th grade Campbellsport students reported they have drank alcohol in the past 30 days

63% of 9th and 11th grade Campbellsport students reported they feel their parents would think it is wrong or very wrong for them to drink alcohol at least twice a month

Binge Drinking

15% of 9th and 11th grade Campbellsport students reported they have had 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row (binge drinking) during the past 30 days.

Why is this Important?

Creating positive change for a healthier community by reducing underage drinking.

Social Host- What is it?

Defining Social Host

The social host ordinance holds persons responsible for hosting, or in other words, knowingly providing a place for underage drinking to occur. A "Host" refers to a person who aids, conducts, entertains, organizes, supervises, controls, or permits a gathering or event where underage persons possess or consume alcohol or alcoholic beverages.

I thought providing alcohol to a minor was already illegal. How is a Social Host Ordinance different than what already exists?

Under current state law it is illegal for adults to furnish alcohol to an individual under the age of 21. The Social Host Ordinance allows law enforcement to cite the individual who hosts or provides a gathering place for underage drinking to take place, even if they did not provide the alcohol.



What if...?

I go away on vacation and my child hosts an underage drinking party, am I responsible?

Under the social host ordinance, adults are not responsible for hosting the party if they are away from home and their child holds a drinking party without their knowledge. However, adults need to take reasonable steps to prevent possession or consumption.

Some steps include:

- Letting your child know parties are not allowed
- Having a neighbor or trusted friend check on the house
- Locking up or removing alcohol from the home

Failure to take reasonable steps could result in a citation. Also, an underage person or other person in control of the house could be cited for hosting the party in addition to possessing alcohol.

I'm sleeping and my child sneaks alcohol into the house?

Adults who knowingly allow underage alcohol use on their private property will be held responsible. If an adult is not aware, or if the underage person is concealing the alcohol, that adult will not be held responsible. Police Officers must establish probable cause by determining that a person knew or should have known that underage drinking was occurring on the premises.



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LINE TO REPORT
UNDERAGE DRINKING
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920-926-4777

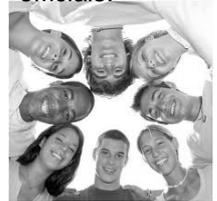
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What Can I Do? - Suggestions for Parents and Other Adults

- Refuse to supply alcohol to anyone under the age of 21.
- Be home and have an adult present if your child is hosting an event.
- Make sure alcohol is not brought into your home by your child's friends.
- Talk to other parents about not providing alcohol at events your child will be attending.
- Talk to your child about their responsibilities and consequences of their actions.
- Be a role model for your child.
- Create alcohol-free opportunities and activities in your home.
- Report underage drinking to your local law enforcement officials.



How does this affect my rights as a parent/guardian?

Under the current state law 125.07, it is legal for underage persons to consume alcohol while accompanied by their parent, guardian, or spouse over the age of 21.



This ordinance prevents adults from knowingly allowing children other than their own to possess alcohol on private property without that child's parent being present.

If your child is an athlete or involved in a school club/organization, they would be violating their co-curricular/athletic code and they could be removed from school sports.

Adults need to support their children in making healthy decisions.



About Drug Free Communities of Fond du Lac County

Drug Free Communities of Fond du Lac County is a collaboration of agency and community members who have come together to address the growing problem of substance abuse in our county.

Vision: "Healthier Children Today, Healthier Community Tomorrow"

Mission: To decrease substance abuse among youth and adults in our community.