



How To Avoid Getting Our Attention

1. Know everyone there.

Don't open up your party to the general public or people that you don't know. They do not always have your best interest in mind.

2. Keep the size of your party reasonable.

You have no way of monitoring the behavior of too many guests. Most of the time it is the behavior of the guest that attracts our attention.

3. Be a responsible host.

A host should maintain the ability to monitor the behavior, health and safety of the guests and be able to identify and report emergencies.

4. Monitor the noise level.

Typically, parties are called to our attention because of excessive noise. Keep music and voices at a reasonable volume. What is "reasonable" will be determined by us based on complaints, the volume of the noise, your proximity to others and time of day/night. It helps to talk to your neighbors before having a party, and plan to end it at a reasonable hour.

5. Don't become a bar.

If you are selling alcohol, or charging admission to enter your home to drink (selling cups to enter), you have become a bar and are selling/dispensing alcohol without a permit.

6. Keep alcohol inside or on your property.

Discourage guests from leaving your home with open intoxicants. If they are on the street with their drinks, they can be issued a citation and will attract our attention to your party.

What To Do When We Show Up...

1. Have responsible residents come outside and contact us.

We are generally there because of a complaint, but may have other reasons to contact you. Refusing to contact us will not avoid a citation. We may go away, but we intend to contact you in the following days. You can be cited later, and the additional time we spend making contact with you will be reported to the Municipal Judge.

2. Be Cooperative.

Bring identification with you when you contact us. Ask your guests to avoid trying to influence our decisions. Our experience is that they are rarely effective advocates. Debating the merits of a citation is best accomplished in court when no one has been drinking.

Guidelines For Keeping Your Party Safe

1. Offer non-alcoholic beverages and food.

This is just a matter of being a good host. Some people can't or don't want to drink alcohol.

2. Don't let intoxicated guests drive home or leave alone. You have assumed some responsibility for their behavior.

Call or text SAFEwalk at (608) 262-5000 between 7:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m., or hail a cab/Uber/Lyft

3. Use Common Sense.

Getting intoxicated can be dangerous. Monitor the behavior of your guests and avoid over serving them.

4. Attend parties with friends, and never walk home alone.

If your guest(s) walk home, encourage the use of a buddy system or SAFEwalk.

Important Numbers

Emergency 9-1-1

Non-Emergency

City of Madison Police.....(608) 255-2345
UW-Madison Police.....(608) 264-2677
City of Madison Self-Report...(608) 245-3662
Crime Stoppers.....(608) 266-6014
City Attorney.....(608) 266-4511

Important Websites

Madison Police Department
www.madisonpolice.com

Municipal Court
www.cityofmadison.com/municipal-court

Online Payments
www.madisonpay.com

Possible Fines

DISPENSING ALCOHOL WITHOUT A PERMIT

City Ord. 38.01 | State Statute 125.04(1) | Fine \$691

PROCURING FOR OR FURNISHING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO UNDERAGE PERSON.

City Ord. 38.031 | State Statute 125.07(1)(a)1
Fine \$376 | **Criminal** Charge - 2nd viol. in 30 months.

ADULT INTENTIONALLY ENCOURAGE UNDER-AGE ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

City Ord. 38.031 | State Statute 125.07(1)(a)4
Fine \$376 - 1st | \$439 - 2nd | \$691 - 3rd | \$1,006 - 4th

UNDERAGE PERSON POSSESSES OR CONSUMES ALCOHOL OFF LICENSED PREMISES

City Ord. 38.031 | State Statute 125.07(4)(b)
Fine \$376

UNLAWFUL TO POSSESS OPEN CONTAINER OF /OR CONSUME ALCOHOL BEVERAGE ON A PUBLIC STREET OR ALLEY

City Ord. 38.07(8) | State Statute 125.10(1)
Fine \$313

RADIO, STEREO OR OTHER MECHANICAL OR ELECTRICAL DEVICE FROM BUILDING DISTURBING

City Ord. 24.04(2) | Fine \$187

PERSON MAKING UNREASONABLE NOISE

City Ord. 24.04(1) | Fine \$187

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

City Ord. 24.02(1) | Fine \$439

DEPOSITING HUMAN WASTE PRODUCTS REGULATED

City Ord. 7.321 | Fine \$187

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Having a Party?

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