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YOUTH SAFETY

Alcohol 101: Facts, Tips and Advice

How NOT to get a Ticket from the Madison Police!

- **OPEN INTOXICANTS** are not allowed on any city street, sidewalk, terrace, alley, or other public property, even if you are of legal drinking age.
FINE: \$313
- **UNDERAGE DRINKING** – you must be 21 years old to drink or possess alcohol.
FINE: \$187
- **UNDERAGE DRINKING IN A BAR** is also against the law.
FINE: \$376
- **BEING IN A BAR** is against the law if you are under 21 years of age, even if you are not drinking.
FINE: \$376
- **FAKE ID's** include altered ID's, fake ID's, and using someone else's ID, and having or using one is illegal.
FINE: \$439
- **PROCURING** or furnishing alcohol to anyone under 21 is against the law.
FINE: \$376
- **ALLOWING UNDERAGE PEOPLE TO DRINK** on property under your control is also illegal.
FINE: \$376
- **DISPENSING ALCOHOL** without a permit to anyone, even if they are of-age is illegal.
FINE: \$691
- **THROWING ANY OBJECT** from a balcony is dangerous to those walking by, damages property and it is illegal.
FINE: \$313
- **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** is behavior that is violent, indecent, profane, boisterous, unreasonably loud or otherwise able to provoke a disturbance. It's illegal.
FINE: \$439
- **OBSTRUCTING** a police officer includes lying or otherwise interfering with official duty. It's against the law.
FINE: \$439
- **URINATING** anywhere other than a bathroom is unsanitary and against the law.
FINE: \$187
- **UNREASONABLE NOISE** created by music or people at any hour of the day will not be tolerated.
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Thinking of Having a Party?

How to Avoid Getting Our Attention

- 1. Know everyone in your residence.** Don't open your party to the general public or people that you don't know. They rarely have your best interest in mind.
- 2. Keep the size of your party reasonable.** If you can't see everyone at your party then there are too many people there. If guests refuse to leave when asked they are trespassing and you should consider calling the police for assistance.
- 3. Be a responsible host.** A host should be able to monitor the behavior and safety of their guests.
- 4. Monitor the noise level.** Most parties come to our attention due to the noise. Keep music and voices at a reasonable level. What is reasonable is determined on a case-by-case basis with consideration to complaints, volume, time of day, etc.
- 5. Keep guests off of balconies.** Guests are often loud and throw things off of the balconies and you are responsible for their behavior.
- 6. Don't become a bar.** If you are selling alcohol, accepting "donations," charging admission, selling cups, etc., you have become a bar and selling or dispensing alcohol without a permit is illegal.

What to Do When the Police Show Up

- 1. Have one person responsible for the party come outside and talk to us.** Refusing to speak to us will not make us, or your responsibility go away. Officers may go away but that doesn't mean we won't return later. Once you come outside to speak to us we will explain your options to you so you can make an informed decision.
- 2. Be cooperative.** Party hosts often feel we are trying to "violate" their rights. Our primary interest is in safely dispersing the party. We do hold hosts accountable but will not enter your residence without consent unless exigent circumstances exist. Cooperation often leads to fewer citations and may help you avoid other consequences such as Madison PD notifying the UW Dean of Students and your landlord.

Things to Keep in Mind

- Out of state residents and persons without positive identification may be taken to jail upon arrest.
- The University will be notified of all violations and further actions may be taken.
- Private landlords are notified of certain violations of their tenants.
- Persons deemed incapacitated by alcohol will be taken to a detoxification center at their expense.

