

PARTY ON YOUR MIND?



HOUSE PARTY GUIDE

**Tips, information, and resources to help
keep you, your friends, and your home safe.**

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**PLEASE NOTE:
THIS GUIDE IS NOT, AND SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS, LEGAL ADVICE.**

BEFORE THE PARTY

A GOOD PARTY REQUIRES SOME PRIOR PLANNING:

GET YOUR HOST GAME PLAN READY

Plan on keeping minors from drinking.



Prepare non-alcoholic beverages and food.

Limit invites; you don't want a party so big that you can't control it.

Ask a friend or two to stay sober with you to keep an eye on things.

Have a plan for getting everyone home safely.



PROTECT YOUR STUFF

Clear desks and countertops of mail, textbooks, or other personal items you don't want lost or stolen.



Put away all candles, lighters, and other flammable objects; alcohol and fire don't mix.



Lock any rooms you don't want people to have access to, including those that have firearms.

DURING THE PARTY

It's your party and your responsibility.

KNOW WHO'S AT YOUR PARTY

The risk of damage and theft goes way down.



PREVENT OVERCROWDING

Limiting the number of people allows for easy exit in case of an emergency, and limits the chances the police will pay you a visit.

PROTECT MINORS

Do your best to make sure minors aren't drinking. Check ID's at the location where alcohol is served and walk around often.

LIMIT DRINKING GAMES

If you play drinking games, limit them to beer only, and avoid playing games where players have to finish their drinks in one turn.

This can help prevent your guests from getting dangerously intoxicated.



STEP IN

Cut people off if they're drinking too much, too fast.

As the host you have the right to determine how much is "too much."



KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS, INSIDE AND OUT

Watch doors, monitor guest behaviors and noise levels, and keep alcohol inside. Check parking, pick up trash, and keep the bathroom line moving so people don't go outside.

BE AN EFFECTIVE BYSTANDER

Intervene in a safe, early, and effective way if you notice fights starting, intoxicated individuals being taken advantage of, or other potentially dangerous situations.



DIFFUSE POTENTIAL FIGHTS

Ask friends of those fighting to help you get them to leave the party. Call the police for assistance before things get out of hand. If someone has a weapon, leave and call the police right away.



PREVENT SMOKING INSIDE

Limiting smoking to outdoors will drastically reduce the chances of a fire breaking out.



OLD PORCHES & RAILS CAN COLLAPSE

Limit the number of people you allow on a porch above the first floor.



DON'T ALLOW ILLEGAL DRUG USE

Even if you're not participating, what happens at your party is still your responsibility.

IF THE POLICE ARRIVE



DON'T RUN AND HIDE

Don't run away or lock the doors. A host of the party should talk with the officers. Refusing to answer the door will not avoid a citation, as you can be cited after the fact.



CALM THE PARTY DOWN

Stop the music and calm guests down. Encourage your guests to follow the instructions of the responding officers. Be courteous and respectful, and comply with the police officers' requests.



KEEP YOUR COOL

Uncontrollable and uncooperative behavior may increase the chances of a citation for disorderly conduct, failure to disperse, resisting arrest or obstruction of justice.

CONCERNS & QUESTIONS



If you have concerns or questions regarding police procedure or conduct, contact the appropriate agency during the next business day to voice your concerns.

CURRENT LAWS



SOCIAL HOST LAW

Anyone who knowingly allows - or fails to stop - any person under 21 from drinking alcohol on their property could be charged with a misdemeanor. If you own, lease, or have the lawful right to the use of the property, you cannot allow minors to consume alcohol on the property.



SELLING ALCOHOL WITHOUT A LICENSE

It is a felony offense to sell alcohol without a license from the state of Missouri. You also cannot sell cups, charge admission, collect for the utility bill, or otherwise exchange money. If you want to include alcohol at the party your best option is BYOB for those 21 and over.

MINOR IN POSSESSION (MIP)

You must be 21 years of age to consume, purchase or attempt to purchase, or possess alcohol. Any minor found in possession of an alcoholic beverage or who has consumed alcohol can be charged with a misdemeanor.

Even if you aren't holding the alcohol container but you've consumed alcohol, you could be charged with an MIP.



KEG REGISTRATION

All kegs are registered at purchase. If a keg is confiscated at a party where underage people have consumed alcohol, the purchaser of the keg could also be charged with supplying alcohol to underage persons.

DRINKING IN PUBLIC/OPEN CONTAINER

It's illegal to have an open container of alcohol in publicly accessible parking lots and on public property. Public places are defined as any public park, parking lot, cemetery, school yard, and sidewalks.

POSSESSION OF DRUGS

It shall be unlawful for any person to possess thirty-five (35) grams or less of marijuana, or five (5) grams or less of hashish, all as defined in RSMo 195.010 or as amended.



*Possession of 35 grams or less of marijuana is a misdemeanor.
Possession of more than 35 grams of marijuana is a felony.*

Warrensburg ordinance for Use of Marijuana:

It shall be unlawful for any person who otherwise lawfully possesses marijuana or marijuana-infused products to ingest or introduce the same into their body by any means within a public place in the City.



Possession of a Controlled Substance: It is a felony to possess any controlled substance, including prescription medications not prescribed to the person.

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia: It is illegal to possess anything that can be used in conjunction with or to assist in the use of any illegal drug.



FAKE ID'S

Any person who has in their possession any fictitious or altered license, or lends their license to another person, or uses another person's license could be charged with a misdemeanor.



DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (DWI)

DWI includes both drunk and drugged driving, because regardless of what substance has been misused, the primary issue is impairment. If an individual is impaired, they can be charged for DWI even if their BAC is below the legal limit of .08; for minors, the legal BAC limit is .02.

ZERO TOLERANCE

Those under 21 who are driving with a BAC in excess of .02 could have their license suspended immediately.

NOISE



Any person who creates unreasonably loud, disturbing, or unnecessary noise (music, yelling, etc.) in the city could be charged with a misdemeanor.

Any noise that disturbs others or that can be heard at a distance of more than 100 feet is prohibited between 11:00PM and 7:00AM.

PUBLIC URINATION

Any person who urinates in any public location could be charged with a misdemeanor.



PHYSICAL ASSAULT

Any person who engages in any fight or violence towards another could be charged with a misdemeanor.



ILLEGAL PARKING

Parking in violation of city ordinance could result in a fine and/or your vehicle being towed.

LITTERING

Throwing any item of trash on the ground could result in an arrest. A person throwing a container of alcohol to the ground upon a police officer's approach could be charged with littering.



ALCOHOL POISONING

MISSOURI'S GOOD SAMARITAN LAW, UCM AMNESTY

If you get help for someone who might have alcohol poisoning, this law can protect you and the other person from legal consequences - if you seek appropriate help. Getting help can also help keep you out of trouble with UCM.

KNOW THE SIGNS OF ALCOHOL POISONING

Too much alcohol can be fatal. Get immediate medical assistance if:

- **Person is semi-conscious or cannot be roused**
- **Person is vomiting or having seizures**
- **Their breath is slow and shallow** (8 or fewer breaths per minute, 8 or more seconds between breaths)
- **They have cold, clammy, pale, or bluish skin**



TO CALL OR NOT TO CALL?

Do not wait for all symptoms to be present.

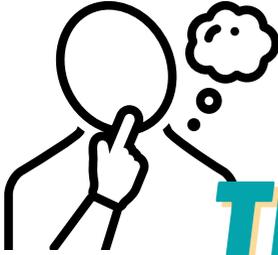
- If you suspect an alcohol overdose **CALL 911**
- Don't try to guess if they're "too drunk"
- **Remember:** most UCM students say they would seek medical attention for a student whom they suspected had alcohol poisoning (2020 UCM MACHB)



WHILE WAITING FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

- **Clear** the person's airway
- Put the person on their **side**
- **Stay with the person** until EMS takes over





THINGS TO THINK ABOUT



READ YOUR LEASE & INSURANCE POLICY

Some leases limit the number of people who can be in your house at one time.

If you have renter's insurance, read your policy.

Insurance may not cover damage that occurs when illegal behavior such as underage drinking is involved.

BE PREPARED: TAKE PARTY SAFE

Party Safe is free online training to help you avoid problems before they start, with topics like Preventing MIPs, Communicating with Intoxicated Guests, and more.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

For students in local chapters of national organizations: check with the national policy on private parties and chapter liability. You should know how many members present may constitute a chapter function versus a private function.



IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

911



UCM PUBLIC SAFETY (24-HR)

660-543-4123



PUBLIC SAFETY TEXT-LINE (24-HR)

660-422-2632

WARRENSBURG POLICE DEPT.

660-747-9133

WARRENSBURG FIRE DEPT.

660-747-9136



WESTERN MISSOURI MEDICAL CENTER

660-747-2500

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