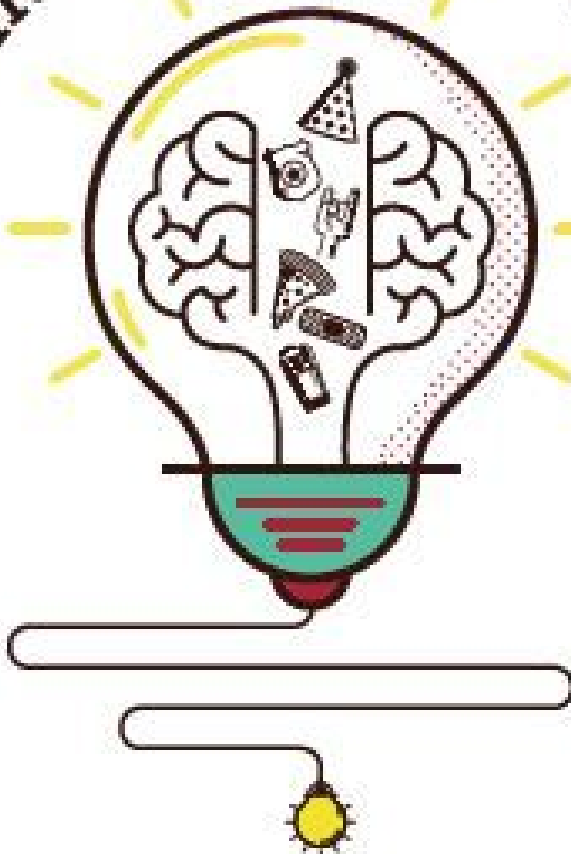


PARTY ON YOUR MIND?



Brought to you by the
*University of Central Missouri Violence
and Substance Abuse Prevention,*
this house party guide provides tips,
information, and resources to help you
keep your friends, self, and home safe.

Also consider taking START (Student Alcohol Responsibility
Training) www.startcollegeservertraining.com

DURING THE PARTY —

Don't forget, it's your party and that makes it your responsibility. By being a sober host and preventing bad situations, you can make sure that everyone has a fun and memorable time.

KNOW WHO IS AT YOUR PARTY

By knowing everyone in the house, the risk of damage and theft goes way down.

OVERCROWDING

Overcrowding can lead to visits from the police. Limit the number of people at the party to avoid overcrowding and to allow for easy exit in case of an emergency.



MINORS

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

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 overly intoxicated.

NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS & FOOD

Have them available. They are good for minors, designated drivers, those who just don't feel like drinking, or for people who are drinking too fast or getting out of control.



KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS

Ask a few of your friends to remain sober and help you watch doors, monitor guests and noise, and keep alcohol inside. 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.

ASK FRIENDS TO HELP YOU OUT

Cut people off if they are drinking too much, too fast. As the party host you have the right to determine "how much is too much".

DIFFUSE POTENTIAL FIGHTS

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

TAKE FREQUENT WALKS OUTSIDE

Check parking, noise level, people standing outside, and pick up trash.

TRY TO PREVENT SMOKING INSIDE

If your guests sense that you take pride in keeping your home/apartment clean and smoke-free, they will be more likely to respect your rules. In addition, limiting smoking to outdoors or having a designated smoking area will drastically reduce the chance of a fire breaking out.

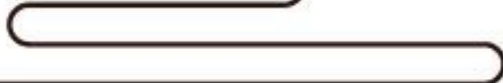
OLD PORCHES & RAILS CAN COLLAPSE

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



DON'T ALLOW ILLEGAL DRUG USE

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





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.

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.



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.



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY RESPONSE
911

UCM PUBLIC SAFETY
660-543-4132

WARRENSBURG POLICE DEPT.
660-747-9133

WARRENSBURG FIRE DEPT.
660-747-9136

WESTERN MISSOURI MEDICAL CENTER
660-747-2500

NIGHT RYDER SAFE RIDE PROGRAM
660-238-6901

CURRENT LAWS



OPEN HOUSE PARTY

A person 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 for alcohol. 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 have consumed alcohol, but are not holding the alcohol container, 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 is illegal to have an open container of alcohol in public parking lots and on public property. Public places are defined as any public park, parking lot, cemetery, school yard, and sidewalks.

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)

The BAC limit for driving while intoxicated is .08, but an individual can be charged for DWI even if their BAC is below .08 if they are impaired. 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 confiscated 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 11:00 PM and 7:00 am.

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



KNOW THE SIGNS OF ALCOHOL POISONING.

Too much alcohol can be serious or fatal. If you see any of these symptoms it's important to get immediate medical assistance.

Person is semi-conscious or cannot be roused

Vomiting, seizures

Slow and shallow breathing (8 or fewer breaths per minute, 8 or more seconds between breaths)

Cold, clammy, pale or bluish skin

TO CALL OR NOT TO CALL?

Do not wait for all symptoms to be present.

If there is any suspicion of an alcohol overdose call 911. Don't try to guess the level of drunkenness.

Remember: 98% of UCM students say that they would seek medical attention for a student whom they suspected had alcohol poisoning.

(2016 UCM Missouri College Health Behavior Survey)

WHILE WAITING FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Clear the person's airway.

Put the person on his or her side (prop up with pillows if necessary.)

Stay with the person until the EMS takes over.

For more information on how to keep the party going, visit vsap@ucmo.edu or call us at 660-543-4044.

Feedback, comments, and questions welcome.

Please note: this guide 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.



Keep it small; you don't want a party so big that you can't control it.



Have a plan for getting everyone home safely.

PROTECT YOUR STUFF

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



Cover or protect any items you do not want messed with.



Lock up any places that you do not want people to have access to, including those that have firearms.



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