



## What Does the Law Say about Teen Drinking?

Parents may not provide alcohol to children who are under 21, even in their own home with the other parents' permission. Those convicted of providing alcohol to a person less than 21 years of age face maximum sentences of six months in jail and/or a \$1000 fine. It is also illegal to share in the cost of purchasing alcoholic beverages, or to attempt to purchase alcohol, even if the sale is refused. The penalty for attempting to purchase an alcoholic beverage for underage individuals is a minimum fine of \$1000 and/or six months in jail. Anyone who purchases, sells, or gives alcoholic beverages to under-aged individuals can be sent to jail. If you are under 21 years of age and are caught driving with a blood alcohol concentration between .02 percent and .08 percent, a level that can be reached after just one or two drinks, you can be arrested. Punishment is suspension of your driver's license for at least 90 days up to a maximum of two years, plus four points added to your driving record. Having an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle is also illegal.

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### A CONTRACT BETWEEN PARENTS AND TEENAGERS

Teenagers: I agree to call you for transportation at any hour; from any place if I am in a situation in which I have had too much to drink, or a friend who is driving me has had too much to drink.

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Signature of Teen

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Date

Parent: I agree to come and get you at any hour, any place, no questions asked and no argument then, or I will pay for a taxi to bring you home. I also agree to seek safe, sober transportation for myself if I have had too much to drink, or my driver has.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Date