



What Parents should know about Underage Drinking Laws:

- **Manitowoc County passed a social host ordinance. If you are caught purchasing, providing or pouring alcohol for underage consumption on your property or in your presence, you could be fined a minimum of \$1,000 up to \$5,000.**
- As a parent you cannot give alcohol to your teen's friends under the age of 21 under any circumstance, even in your own home, even with their parent's permissions.
- You cannot knowingly allow a person under 21, other than you own child, to remain in your home or on your property while consuming or possessing alcohol.

Things you can do to prevent Underage Drinking :

- Refuse to supply alcohol to anyone under 21.
- Be at home when your teen has a party
- Make sure that alcohol is not brought into your home or property by your teen's friends
- Talk to other parents about not providing alcohol at other events your child will be attending
- Create alcohol-free opportunities and activities in your home so teens will feel welcome
- Report underage drinking to local law enforcement

It's not worth it

Being a cool parent could cost you...
Your house, car, boat, and your retirement savings

Purchase, provide or pour alcohol for underage drinkers and the people they injure could sue you. And since your homeowners insurance doesn't cover illegal activity – **the risk falls on you!**

Under Wisconsin law an adult who serves alcohol to an underage drinkers can be held responsible for any harm to a third person, property, and/or restitution for the intentional acts of the underage drinkers