

Thinking of Providing Alcohol to Minors?

**THINK AGAIN**



**It is against the law to provide  
minors with alcohol.**

**It's illegal and dangerous  
to provide alcohol to minors.**

Adults who provide alcohol to minors risk arrest  
under Maryland Criminal Law.

First offense: \$2,500 maximum fine

Second offense: \$5,000 maximum fine

(Individual citations can be issued for each minor served).

*34.7% of underage drinkers said they drank alcohol  
given to them by an unrelated person over the age of 21.<sup>(1)</sup>*

**Provide alcohol to a minor and you may  
have more to worry about than a fine:**

*Teen alcohol use results in about 6,000 deaths per year  
—more than all illegal drugs combined.<sup>(2)</sup>*

*Car crashes are the leading cause of death for teens  
and one out of three car accidents is alcohol-related.<sup>(3)</sup>*

**Alcohol IS a drug  
and it's the drug of choice among teens!**

Brought to you by the Underage Alcohol Abuse Reduction Team,  
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To join the fight against underage alcohol abuse email us:  
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