



Fact Sheet and Helpful Tips for Parents

PA LAWS

It is illegal for anyone under 21 to possess, purchase, attempt to purchase, consume or transport any alcohol, liquor, malt or brewed beverages. It is also illegal for anyone under 21 to lie about their age, or to carry a false ID card to obtain any alcohol, liquor, malt or brewed beverage.

Penalty for minors (under 21) convicted of any of the offenses cited above, will lose their drivers license for 90 days and face fines up to \$300 plus court costs for first offense. For first time offenders under 16, the 90-day penalty begins on their 16th birthday.

Zero Tolerance Laws– If you're under 21, and caught driving with **ANY measurable** amount of alcohol in your blood, you may be arrested for Driving Under the Influence (DUI). The "Zero Tolerance" law (Section 3802(e) of the PA Vehicle Code, Title 75) lowered the Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) for minors to .02%.

Furnishing to Minors: **ANY adult** who sells, furnishes, or purchases with the intent to sell or furnish alcohol to anyone under 21 (**even their own children**), or provide them a place to consume alcohol will receive a mandatory a **minimum** fine of \$1,000 and up to \$2,500 for each subsequent offense, plus other potential penalties.

Tips for Parents

6 Actions to help keep your kids alcohol-free

1. Talk early and often with your child (establish and maintain an open line of communication)
2. Get involved: talk about their activities and share **your** values and interests.
3. Be a **GOOD** role model!
4. Teach kids to choose friends wisely
5. Monitor your child's activities
6. Set rules!

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