



Parents of Pennsylvania: Fact Sheet and Helpful Tips

Know the LAW

- ✓ It is **ILLEGAL** for anyone under 21 to possess, purchase, attempt to purchase, consume or transport any alcohol, malt, or brewed beverages.
- ✓ It is **ILLEGAL** for anyone under 21 to lie about their age, or to carry a false ID card to obtain any alcohol, malt, or brewed beverages.
- ✓ According to Pennsylvania's Zero Tolerance Law, anyone under 21 who is driving with blood alcohol content of .02% or higher can be **arrested** for driving under the influence (DUI).

Know the PENALTY

- ✓ Penalty for minors (under 21) convicted to any of the above, will lose their driver's license for 90 days and face fines up to **\$500** plus court costs for first offense.
- ✓ For first time offenders under sixteen, the 90-day penalty begins on their 16th birthday.

Know the FINE

- ✓ **Any adult** who sells, furnishes, or purchases with the intent to sell or furnish alcohol, to minors (**even their own children**), or provide a place to consume alcohol will receive a mandatory minimum fine of **\$1,000 to \$2,500** for each subsequent offense, plus other potential penalties.

Tips for Parents: 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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