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- Under age 24, the brain is still growing and negatively affected by alcohol.
- Parents can be prosecuted under the law for hosting underage drinking parties.
- It is unsafe and illegal for persons under 21 to drive after consuming alcohol (.02 blood alcohol content or above).
- Drinking + tweens/teens = increased chance of violence, sexual assault, pregnancy, STDs and accidents. Don't risk living with the burden of these unnecessary consequences because you provided or allowed alcohol use by someone under the age of 21.

Things you can do as a parent:

- Call other parents to ensure social events are alcohol free and chaperoned.
- Monitor your tween or teen – know where they are, who they are with and what they are doing.
- Refuse to supply alcohol to anyone under 21.
- Lock up your alcoholic beverages.
- Make sure that alcohol is not brought into your home or on your property by your teen's friends.
- Report underage drinking parties to police: **703.746.4444.**

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Don't be a party to teenage drinking.

It's against the law.

Virginia Drinking Laws

It is a Class 1 misdemeanor for anyone under 21 to buy, consume, or possess any alcoholic beverage. Penalties upon conviction include:

- mandatory minimum fine of \$500 (up to \$2,500) or a minimum of 50 hours of community service
- loss of driver's license for 6 to 12 months
- up to 12 months in jail
- possible expulsion from school if caught on school property, and/or possible loss of participation in all after-school activities even if caught off school property

The additional penalty for driving after illegally consuming alcohol is **mandatory** loss of a driver's license for one year or a delay in obtaining a first license. For use of a fake ID to purchase an alcoholic beverage, the additional penalty is loss of a driver's license for up to one year.

It is a Class 1 misdemeanor for adults to provide alcoholic beverages to any person under the age of 21.* Penalties upon conviction include:

- a \$2,500 fine per young person provided any alcoholic beverage
- loss of the adult's driver's license for up to one year, and/or up to one year in jail

* A person under 21 must be accompanied by his parent, guardian, or spouse in order to be served alcohol in the home of another. A parent, guardian, or spouse may serve alcohol to a family member under 21 in his own home. **Caution: Serving alcohol to any minor (under age 18) can still be considered as contributing to the delinquency of a minor and prosecuted by local police.**

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