

Zero Tolerance

What does it mean for youth?

In Texas, it is illegal for a person under 21 to operate a motor vehicle or watercraft in a public place while having ANY detectable amount of alcohol in their system. They could receive:

- A fine up to \$500;
- Alcohol awareness classes;
- 20 to 60 hours mandatory community service;
- 60 to 90 days driver's license suspension.

! DANGER !

These are just some of the dangers of underage drinking:

- Risky Sexual Behavior
- Assaults
- Sexual Assaults
- Alcohol Poisoning
- Binge Drinking
- Injuries
- Academic Problems
- Legal Problems
- Traffic Accidents
- Traffic Fatalities



TABC

TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION

service ★ courtesy ★ integrity ★ accountability

Fines Jail Time Lawsuits

TABC takes a very serious view of adults providing alcohol to underage drinkers. We will be working to identify and prosecute people that provide alcohol to minors.

www.2young2drink.com

Have questions or concerns?

Find your local TABC office at:

www.tabc.state.tx.us/contact_us/local_field_office.asp

Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission

5806 Mesa Drive

P.O. Box 13127

Austin, Texas 78711

512-206-3333 (Information)

1-888-THE-TABC (Complaints)

TDD/TTY: 711

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Texas Department of Transportation

Information for Parents about:

“Providing Alcohol” Investigations

What are they?

What do they mean to you?



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Are you willing to gamble?

The possession and consumption of alcohol by minors frequently leads to dangerous behavior.

Selling, serving, or providing alcoholic beverages to minors and/or to intoxication remains a serious concern and these actions come with consequences. You could face huge fines, jail time, loss of your driver's license, and civil lawsuits.

TABC will utilize multiple resources to identify and take action against people that make alcoholic beverages available to minors and/or serve to intoxication.

TABC is very concerned about underage drinking and just as concerned about who is providing the alcohol to youth.

It's about protecting our young people and our community!

What is a "Providing Alcohol" Investigation?



When Law Enforcement agents discover minors drinking alcohol or with alcohol in their possession, they will attempt to determine who provided the alcohol to the minors and/or knowingly allowed minors to possess and/or consume alcohol. In other words, they will attempt to discover how and from whom minors obtained alcohol. They will determine who owns or leases the property where the minors were in possession or were consuming alcohol.

Investigations also attempt to identify the source of the alcoholic beverages consumed by people who were served to intoxication. Law Enforcement will attempt to determine if the source of the alcohol was acting within the law when the beverages were provided to the parties in question.



Providing alcohol to minors is a Class A Misdemeanor.

You face a maximum penalty of:

- one year in jail;
- a \$4,000 fine; and
- an automatic suspension of your driver's license for 180 days upon conviction.



You can be held civilly liable for damages caused by the intoxication of a minor younger than 18 if you **knowingly** provided alcohol or allowed the minor to be served alcohol on property owned or leased by you, and they, in turn, hurt someone, hurt themselves, or damage property.



In Texas, a person must be 21 to possess or consume alcohol. You may not provide alcohol to anyone under 21 unless you are the minor's adult parent, guardian, or spouse, and are visibly present when the minor possesses or consumes the alcoholic beverage.