

# Parents:

## *Don't be a Party* to underage drinking

### KNOW THE LAW

In Texas, a person may provide alcohol to a minor if he or she is the minor's adult parent, guardian or spouse, and is visibly present when the minor possesses or consumes the alcoholic beverage.

### IT'S AGAINST THE LAW TO:

- ❖ **make alcohol available to a person younger than 21** (other than your child) even in your own residence, even with their parent's permission

### IF YOU BREAK THE LAW:

- ❖ **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

### THINGS YOU CAN DO AS A PARENT:

- ❖ **Refuse to supply** alcohol to youth.
- ❖ **Be at home** when your child has a party.
- ❖ **Make sure alcohol is not brought** into your home or onto your property by your child's friends.
- ❖ **Talk to other parents** about not providing alcohol at events your child will be attending.
- ❖ **Create alcohol-free** activities in your home.
- ❖ **Report underage drinking.** Call the anonymous, toll-free hotline at 1-888-THE-TABC.



The Alliance Against Underage Drinking  
Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission  
Texas Department of Transportation

# Students:

**UNDERAGE DRINKING  
is  
AGAINST THE LAW!**

If you're **UNDER 21**,

it's a **CLASS C MISDEMEANOR** to:

- ❖ possess or consume alcoholic beverages
- ❖ purchase or attempt to purchase alcoholic beverages
- ❖ misrepresent your age to obtain alcoholic beverages
- ❖ be intoxicated in public
- ❖ drive while having *any* detectable amount of **alcohol** in your system

## CONSEQUENCES

- ❖ Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine up to **\$500**
- ❖ Alcohol awareness course
- ❖ Community service
- ❖ **Driver's license suspension or denial**
- ❖ If you are 17 or older, on the third offense, the fine increases to **\$2,000** and/or up to **180 days in jail**, in addition to driver's license suspension.

**To report violations, call 1-888-THE-TABC.**