



WHAT IS MEDICAL AMNESTY?

To ensure minors who are at medical risk as a result of alcohol consumption receive prompt medical attention, the state adopted a medical amnesty law to remove perceived barriers to seeking help. The law provides an exemption from prosecution for any minor who initiates contact with law enforcement or emergency medical services personnel for the purpose of obtaining medical assistance for a legitimate health care concern.

DID YOU KNOW ADULTS CAN BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR DRINKING?

Adults are legally responsible for anything that might happen to a minor who has been served alcohol in their home and may be subject to criminal prosecution and fines. If adults furnish alcohol to a minor, they may also be liable for monetary damages caused by that individual in a civil lawsuit.

- It is illegal to provide alcohol to anyone under 21.
- It is illegal to purchase alcohol for anyone under 21.
- It is illegal to allow minors to drink alcohol in your home.
- It is illegal to provide a fake I.D. to anyone under 21.



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Under 21?

If you have alcohol in your possession, you can get in trouble with the law.





IT'S ILLEGAL FOR ANYONE UNDER 21:

- To have any bodily alcohol content.
- To have alcohol in their possession at any time, regardless of whether they've consumed the alcohol.
- To possess or transport an unopened alcohol container in a motor vehicle, regardless if it is in the driver or passenger area. Both the driver and the passenger can be charged whether or not they consumed the alcohol.
- To purchase or attempt to purchase alcohol.
- To use a fake I.D. to obtain alcohol.
- To allow anyone to use their motor vehicle after they have been drinking.

If you are under 21, you can get an MIP if you are just holding an alcoholic beverage.

Under 21? If you get caught driving with any *alcohol in your body*

THE **FIRST TIME**

- 30-day restricted driver's license
- \$125 license reinstatement fee
- Four points on your driving record
- Fines up to \$250
- Costs of prosecution
- Community service

THE **SECOND TIME** WITHIN SEVEN YEARS

- 90-day suspension of your driver's license
- \$125 license reinstatement fee
- Fines up to \$500
- Costs of prosecution
- Community service
- Substantial insurance rate increase or cancellation
- Up to 93 days in jail

If you are caught driving with a .08 or above bodily alcohol content, you may be charged with the crime of Operating While Intoxicated (OWI), which may result in stiffer penalties than those cited in the opposite section. These convictions remain on a driving record for a lifetime. If you are caught driving with a .17 or above bodily alcohol content, you may be charged with a crime that carries even stiffer penalties.

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Under 21? If you get caught with *alcohol in your possession*— Minor in Possession (MIP)

THE **FIRST TIME**

- Civil infraction
- Fines up to \$100
- Substance use disorder prevention/treatment/rehabilitation services
- If you are under 18, your parents will be notified
- Community service

THE **SECOND TIME**

- Misdemeanor
- Fines up to \$200
- Substance use disorder prevention/treatment/rehabilitation services
- If you are under 18, your parents will be notified
- Community service
- 30 days in jail possible upon violation of any court orders and/or failure to pay fines

THE **THIRD TIME**

- Misdemeanor
- Fines up to \$500
- Substance use disorder prevention/treatment/rehabilitation services
- If you are under 18, your parents will be notified
- Community service
- 60 days in jail possible upon violation of any court orders and/or failure to pay fines

Your future educational and career opportunities could be impacted by MIP citations or OWI arrests.

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