

# You Provide the Booze, You Lose!

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As we approach the summer and graduation, this time of year is notorious for underage drinking. Some go against the law and obtain alcohol anyway; sometimes even being provided the alcohol. However, there is a new law in Monroe County that is setting the bar for the state about social hosting. This law makes it a criminal offense for parents to host underage drinking parties at their house with their knowledge. The penalties include a year in jail and a 1,000 fine.

The Genesee Valley Health Partnership has recently run Project Sticker Shock, placing stickers to remind those that buy alcohol not to share it with those who are underage and of the penalties they face for breaking the law. The problem with drinking in

Livingston County is huge, as 86% of high school seniors report drinking at one point in their lives. Half of 10th and 12th graders in the county have reported drinking in the past month, and the efforts of these laws and programs is to stop the drinking before

people choose to do something that could endanger them and the lives of others.

These are important things to inform and share with the community, as 52% of all teens in the county feel that the community is indifferent to underage drinking. This education is necessary, as we must avoid another tragedy like that 8

years ago, where a young man died due to alcohol poisoning. Hopefully in learning the laws and keeping to them, we all can have a safe, sober and fun summer.

**PROVIDING ALCOHOL TO  
ANYONE UNDER 21 IS  
ILLEGAL**

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**PENALTIES include up to  
A YEAR IN JAIL  
and/or a \$1,000 FINE.**

Save a youth's life!

Don't serve alcohol to teens.  
It's unsafe. It's illegal. It's irresponsible.

Over 20,000 lives have been saved from drunk driving accidents since the minimum drinking age changed to 21 in 1984.

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