

SOCIAL HOST LIABILITY

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What Is Social Host Liability?

“Social host refers to adults who host parties where alcohol is served on property they control. Through social host liability laws, adults can be held responsible for these parties if underage people are served, regardless of who furnishes the alcohol.”

(Mothers Against Drunk Driving)

“Social host ordinances give communities a practical tool for holding adults accountable. These laws allow law enforcement to cite the individual who hosted the underage drinking party on their property.”

www.madd.org



AT THIS TIME, IN IOWA, 15 COUNTIES AND 12 CITIES HAVE PASSED SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCES. IN THE US, 18 STATES HAVE PASSED SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCES. IF ENOUGH INDIVIDUAL COUNTIES PASS SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCES, THIS COULD BECOME A STATE-WIDE LAW.

(www.helpingservices.org)

SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCES HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE TO DECREASE UNDERAGE DRINKING. NOW IS THE TIME TO SAY:

“WE AS A COMMUNITY, WILL NO LONGER TOLERATE ADULTS AND/OR PARENTS PROVIDING A PLACE FOR UNDERAGE DRINKING.”

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“Laws vary widely from state to state. Some states do not impose any liability on social hosts. Others limit liability to injuries that occur on the host’s premises. Some extend the host’s liability to injuries that occur anywhere a guest who has consumed alcohol goes. Many states have laws that pertain specifically to furnishing alcohol to minors. As society has become less tolerant of drunk driving and injuries resulting from the consumption of alcohol and as individuals and organizations concerned with alcohol abuse have taken an active role in the political process, the laws relating to alcohol have generally become more stringent.” *(http://www.socialhostliability.org)*