



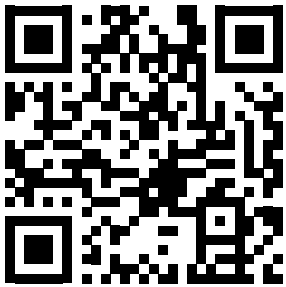
What Is Connecticut's Social Host Law?



A recent youth survey found that parents and other adults are the #1 source of alcohol for underage drinkers in Connecticut. The Social Host Law aims to change that by holding homeowners, landowners, parents, and guardians accountable for underage drinking right where it occurs.

If you allow anyone under age 21 to drink on your property, you can be charged with a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by a fine up to \$2,000 and up to one year in jail.

- ➔ *Even if you weren't home at the time*
- ➔ *Even if you didn't plan the party*
- ➔ *Even if you didn't provide the alcohol*
- ➔ *Even if you aren't over age 21*
- ➔ *Even if it only happened once*



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Protect Yourself—Help Prevent Underage Drinking

- ➔ Store alcohol in a securely locked cabinet, and keep the key somewhere hidden or inaccessible.
- ➔ Don't allow children in your family to drink alcohol. Let them know what the consequence will be if they break this rule—and stick to it.
- ➔ Never host parties or gatherings where alcohol is served to minors.
- ➔ When your child has a party or invites friends over, remain at home and check in frequently.
- ➔ Discuss the risks of drinking early and often with the children in your family.



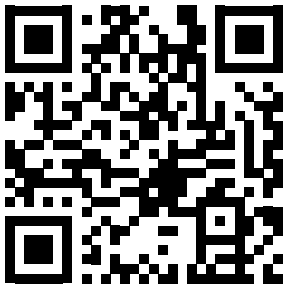
Does Connecticut's **Social Host Law** Apply to Cannabis?



Yes. Although using cannabis is now legal for adults in Connecticut, it remains both illegal and dangerous for youth under age 21.

Under the Social Host Law, allowing minors to use cannabis while on your property is treated the same as allowing them to drink alcohol: you can be charged with a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by a fine up to \$2,000 and up to one year in jail. If the minor suffers a serious injury or dies following their cannabis use, you may also face more severe penalties, including felony charges.

Preventing underage cannabis use is a serious responsibility. Kids' futures may depend on it, and yours might, too.



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Keep Cannabis Out of Kids' Sight—and Off Their Minds

Follow these guidelines for responsible adult cannabis use, and help keep kids safer and healthier.

- ➔ Avoid using cannabis in the presence of minors.
- ➔ Keep cannabis products in their original containers with labels, and store them in a safe or locked box.
- ➔ Be especially careful with edibles, which younger children may mistake for candy or snacks.
- ➔ Properly dispose of any cannabis waste by mixing it with food scraps or other waste material, and then putting the mixture in the trash.
- ➔ Teach kids about the risks of using cannabis before the brain finishes developing (around age 25). These include permanent impairments to their IQ, attention, and memory.