

# DO YOU KNOW THE LAW?

North Dakota Underage Drinking Laws

## Under 21?

It is illegal to manufacture, purchase, consume or possess alcoholic beverages.

### Class B Misdemeanor:

(Punishable up to 30 days in jail and \$1,500 fine)

- Purchasing or attempting to purchase alcohol if you are under the age of 21
- Using a fake ID to purchase alcohol
- Possessing or consuming alcohol under the age of 21
- Entering a liquor establishment under the age of 21

## It is illegal to drink and drive at any age

### Class B Misdemeanor – Class C Felony:

(Punishable up to five years in prison and \$10,000 fine)

- Driving Under the Influence  
Blood Alcohol Level over .08 for adults and .02 for minors

## Over 21?

It is illegal to provide or purchase alcohol for anyone under the age of 21.

### Class A Misdemeanor:

(Punishable up to one year in prison and \$3,000 fine)

- Providing alcohol to a person under the age of 21

If you provide alcohol to anyone under age 21 or to an intoxicated person, you can be held liable for damages or injuries caused by that individual. For example, if you host a party where you are providing alcohol and an intoxicated guest leaves and gets into a traffic crash causing injury or death, you can be sued.

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## Additional Consequences May Include:

- ✓ Criminal record
- ✓ Increased insurance rates
- ✓ Loss of college scholarships
- ✓ Financial penalties
- ✓ Loss of driver's license
- ✓ Inability to pursue desired career