

# DO YOU KNOW THE LAW?

North Dakota Underage Drinking Laws

## If you are under 21, it is illegal to manufacture, purchase, consume or possess alcoholic beverages.

### Infraction for individuals under the age of 21:

(Punishable up to \$1,000 fine - NDCC 5-01-08)

- Possess or consume alcohol
- Purchase or attempt to purchase alcohol
- Manufacture or attempt to manufacture alcohol
- Enter a liquor establishment
- Any person convicted of an infraction who, within one year before commission of the infraction of which the person was convicted, has been convicted previously at least twice of the same offense classified as an infraction may be sentenced as though convicted of a class B misdemeanor. - NDCC 12.1-32-01.

Along with the penalties listed above, the court may also sentence individuals to an educational class.

### Class B Misdemeanor for individuals who:

(Punishable up to 30 days in jail and \$1500 fine - NDCC 5-01-08.1)

- Use a fake ID to purchase alcohol
- Misrepresent or misstate your age or the age of any other person to purchase alcoholic beverages

## 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 - NDCC 39.08)

- Driving under the influence
- Blood alcohol level over .08 for adults and .02 for minors

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

### Class A Misdemeanor for individuals who:

(Punishable up to one year in prison and \$3,000 fine - NDCC 5-01-09)

- Provide alcohol to a person under the age of 21
- Provide or purchase alcohol for someone who is incompetent or obviously intoxicated

According to North Dakota law, if an intoxicated guest leaves your party and crashes their vehicle, causing injury or death to others, you can be held legally and financially responsible if you provided the alcohol.



## 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