

## SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL TO MINORS: THE LEGAL, HEALTH AND SOCIAL RISKS

It is an offence to supply alcohol to a minor (under 18) in a public place. This includes (but is not limited to) a park or beach. You may be fined \$5,500 for this offence.

If you are stopped by a young person and asked to buy alcohol on their behalf, think about how you would feel if something happened to them afterwards. You have a responsibility as an adult to help protect the young people in our community. If you do purchase or supply alcohol for someone under 18 years of age, you could be fined up to \$5,000 or, in serious cases, up to \$11,000 and/or 12 months in gaol.

Under age parties involving alcohol can lead to problems within the community. There can also be health and social risks to young people as they learn to physically and psychologically deal with the effects of alcohol.

Information taken from [www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au)

## SECONDARY SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL PENALTIES & OFFENCES

For adults (18 years and over) who supply alcohol to minors, there is a maximum penalty of \$5,500 for each minor supplied. Under certain conditions a maximum penalty of \$11,000 applies if circumstances of aggravation exists.

For young people (under 18 years) there are a range of offences, which include:

- Possession by a minor of liquor in a public place.
- Consumption by a minor of liquor in a public place.
- Minor supply liquor to a minor.
- Consumption by a minor of liquor on licensed premises.

Penalties for these offences range from an on the spot infringement notice fine, up to a maximum fine of \$5,500.

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## WANT TO HAVE A PARTY OR GATHERING? HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT...

If you want to have a party or get together with your friends, there are alternatives to having it in a public place.

Have you thought about....

- getting together at somebody's house?
- meeting at the local hotel or club?
- booking a function room at a hotel or club?
- hiring a Council facility/hall for your function?

Whatever you do, make sure that you notify your local police station of your party, and that you pick up a **Safe Party Pack**. These packs provide you with heaps of information about what you can do to make your party or gathering safe and trouble-free. These are available at your local Police station or at Council.

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