

HERE'S THE LAW



MINORS IN POSSESSION (MIP)

If you are under 21, it means no alcohol—no attempt to buy it, none in your possession, none if you are driving.

If you're a minor (under 21), here's what happens the first time you are found in possession of alcohol. Any amount of beer, wine or liquor can trigger the penalties.

- Up to a \$500 fine
- 30- to 180-day driver's license suspension
- Eight to 40 hours of community service
- Mandatory alcohol-awareness classes

A second or third offense can lead to suspension of your driver's license for 60 to 180 days. If you're 17 or older, you can also be fined as much as \$2,000 or go to jail for up to 180 days for a third offense or both, plus automatic driver's license suspension.

Providing Alcohol to Minors

Furnishing alcohol to someone under 21 can lead to a \$4,000 fine and a year in jail. Selling alcohol to a minor can bring a \$4,000 fine and land the seller a year in jail. A parent, legal guardian or spouse can provide alcohol to their child or spouse as long as they are present when the minor possesses or consumes it.





OUR DRIVING CONCERN

Texas Employer Traffic Safety Program

FOR PARENTS

Be a good example: don't drink and drive. Remind your children to call you if they're ever in an uncomfortable situation. Teach them never to get in a car with someone who's been drinking.

**ZERO TOLERANCE
MEANS
ZERO ALCOHOL.**

HERE'S THE LAW



DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (DUI)

If you are under 21, it is illegal for you to drive with any detectable amount of alcohol in your system.

If you're under 21, here's what happens the first time you are stopped for drinking and driving.

- Up to a \$500 fine
- 60-day driver's license suspension
- 20 to 40 hours of community service
- Mandatory alcohol-awareness classes

If you're 17 or over, here's what happens if you're stopped for drinking and driving with a blood or breath alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or greater.

- Up to a \$2,000 fine
- Three to 180 days in jail
- Driver's license suspension for 90 days to a year

Get caught drinking and driving a second or third time, and the penalties increase. That's called zero tolerance. It means zero alcohol. And that's the law in Texas.

