

ADULTS WHO HOST LOSE THE MOST



WHAT ADULTS SHOULD KNOW

- According to Georgia law (O.C.G.A., Section 3-3-23 & 3-5-5):
 - Parents **cannot** give alcohol to their teen's friends who are under age 21, under any circumstances, even in their own home, even with their parents' permission.
 - Adults **cannot** knowingly allow a minor, other than their own child, to remain in their home or on their property while consuming or possessing alcohol.
 - Beer kegs must be registered and marked for tracking purposes. Retailers must document keg purchasers' name, address, age verification and location where keg will be consumed.
- Georgia's "social host liability" law was created by case law in 1985, allowing the courts to settle lawsuits against adults who serve alcohol negligently.

IF YOU BREAK THE LAW

- **Criminal action** can include various fines, penalties and/or imprisonment.
 - Up to \$1,000 and/or 12 months confinement for a first offense, under state law.
 - Additional penalties vary, under local laws.
- **Civil action** can include *substantial* financial liability if injuries and/or death result from an underage drinking accident.
 - It is not uncommon for salaries and personal property to be garnished as a result of such lawsuits.
 - There have been significant increases in the number of such civil cases in Georgia courts over the past decade.

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