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Social Host Ordinances



Social Host

Did you know?

- **Most youth in Kanabec County do not drink.** In 2010, 72% of Kanabec County 6th, 9th and 12th graders reported no use of alcohol in the past 30 days.¹
- **One in 3 of those who do drink report getting alcohol at parties.** In 2010, 38% of Kanabec County 6th, 9th and 12th graders reported they got alcohol at parties.¹

Be a part of the solution!

- 1 Do not host underage alcohol parties.
- 2 Educate your family and friends about the social host ordinances.
- 3 Report underage alcohol parties to the Sheriff's Office.

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Social host ordinances make persons criminally responsible for hosting events or gathering where persons under 21 years of age possess or consume alcohol, regardless of whether the person hosting the event or gathering supplied the alcohol.

BACKGROUND

Members of the Substance Abuse Coalition of Kanabec County (SACK) collaborated with the Kanabec County Attorney's Office, Kanabec County Sheriff's office and students at Mora High School to pass social host ordinances in Kanabec County and the City of Mora in 2010. Any person who violates either of these ordinances is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a penalty of up to 90 days in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Many Kanabec County residents are not aware of the social host ordinances. In 2012, 62% of Kanabec County parents reported they were not aware of Kanabec County's and/or the City of Mora's social host ordinance.² Efforts are underway to increase awareness of the social host ordinances.

Social host ordinances have not yet been passed in the cities of Grasston, Ogilvie and Quamba. Because a county ordinance is only enforceable in the unincorporated areas of the county, cities must pass their own social host ordinances. Coalition members wish to hold all individuals accountable for allowing underage drinking to occur regardless of where it occurs in Kanabec County.

1. Minnesota Student Survey (2010); 2. Parental Attitudes Survey (2012)

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