

RISKS OF HOSTING A PARTY

Legal Consequences

The Illinois Social Host Law makes it a Class A misdemeanor, subject to a \$500 fine, to knowingly permit underage drinking in your residence. If someone is seriously injured or killed, it becomes a Class 4 felony, subject to up to one year in jail.

In addition, as the host of a party, you are responsible for the actions of your guests, including paying fines for violations of noise ordinances, liquor laws and limitations on the number of people allowed in an enclosed space as well as any damages your guests may cause to your neighborhood.

Consequences Under the Student Conduct Code

You are responsible for maintaining control of your premises. If you host a party that gets out of control, you may be responsible for violations of University policy, whether you are present at the time the police arrive or not. Sanctions for such violations range from fines and community service to expulsion from the University in serious cases.

Property Damage

Allowing strangers into your home, especially when there are too many to supervise, creates opportunities for items to be broken or stolen. Your homeowners or renters insurance generally does not cover this type of damage as you invited people by hosting an event. Be sure to secure valuable items, including electronics, decorations, and expensive furniture if you host a party.

Fights and Crimes

Parties, especially if alcohol is served, can lead to violence or other criminal activity. As the host of a party, you may be liable, both criminally or in a lawsuit, for injuries or damage caused at your event, whether you are there or not.

IMPORTANT RESOURCES

City Resources

Carbondale Police Department

501 S. Washington Ave.

Phone: 618-457-3200

City of Carbondale

200 S. Illinois Ave.

Phone: 618-549-5302

Memorial Hospital of Carbondale

405 W. Jackson St.

Phone: 618-549-0721

The Women's Center

405 W. Jackson St.

Phone: 618-529-2324

University Resources

Dean of Students

618-453-2461

dos.siu.edu

Department of Public Safety

618-453-DPS1 (3771)

dps.siu.edu

Night Safety Transit

618-453-2212

dos.siu.edu/night-safety-transit.html

Saluki Cares

618-453-5714

salukicare.siu.edu

Student Health Service

618-453-3311

shc.siu.edu

Student Rights and Responsibilities

618-536-2338

srr.siu.edu

Students' Legal Assistance

618-536-6677

studentlegal.siu.edu

HOSTING AN OFF-CAMPUS PARTY



HOSTING A SAFER PARTY

Before the Party

- Register party with the City of Carbondale.
- Let neighbors know about the party.
- Make a guest list and stick to it! You are responsible for them!
- Decide who will monitor the door, check IDs, and keep the guest list.
- Decide who will monitor the party for safety and potential risks.

During the Party

- Never sell alcohol (or cups). A city fine for selling without a license can be \$350 or more, before other violations.
- Stick to the guest list. Call the police if party gets out of control.
- Have non-salty snacks and non-alcoholic beverages available.
- Monitor outside noise levels and guests seeking fresh air.
- Guests should not drink alcohol in excess. You could be criminally liable for injuries.
- Stop serving alcohol 1 hour before the end of your party.
- Guests need a safe, sober ride home. Take away keys when necessary.
- Call 911 if concerned for the safety of guests.

After the Party

- Inspect your house or apartment.
- Check house or apartment for guests needing assistance getting home.
- Clean up the yard and street immediately.



WHAT IF...

The Police Show Up

- Cooperate with police.
- Stop the music and other entertainment.
- Guests should follow police officer instructions.
- Guests may be allowed to leave the scene if they are cooperative and don't interfere.
- Police officers have the right to enter if they have reason to believe a crime is being committed.
- The University is notified of parties that get out of hand. Student Rights and Responsibilities may email you about a conduct hearing.

You Get a Ticket

- If you choose to pay the fine, pay it on time.
- If you are required to appear in court, attend.

Someone Drinks Too Much

- Call 911.
- Don't let intoxicated guests leave with someone he or she does not know well.
- Call a cab! Do not let an intoxicated person drive.

TIPS FOR PARTY-GOERS

Advice to Follow

- Do not litter or trespass.
- If driving, park in legal spaces only.
- Avoid being loud or disruptive to neighbors.
- Report broken or damaged items to the host.
- If you choose to drink, know your limits.
- Alcoholic beverages should not be consumed on the street or sidewalk.
- Do not transport open containers of alcohol.
- Alcohol should not be sold.
- Underage drinking is illegal.
- You may be liable, both criminally and under the Student Conduct Code, for illegal behavior that happens in your presence.
- Public urination is illegal and disrespectful.
- Make sure no one walks home alone.
- Encourage non-alcoholic drink options.
- Take keys away or call a cab when necessary.
- Call 911 if safety concerns arise.
- If police arrive stay calm, be respectfully and follow directions, including giving your state or student ID.