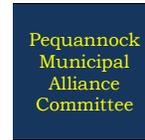


## Parents Can Help Prevent Underage Alcohol Use

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*Our mission is to prevent and reduce youth substance use and abuse in the Pequannock Twp. community through collaboration, education and community-wide change.*

# Pequannock Twp Takes Underage Drinking Seriously

### Be aware of factors that may increase the risk of teen alcohol use.

- Significant social transitions such as graduating middle or high school;
- A history of conduct problems;
- Depression & other serious emotional problems;
- A family history of alcoholism;
- Contact with peers who use alcohol;

### Support your children and teens and give them space to grow.

- Encourage your teens' growing independence but set appropriate limits;
- Make it easy for your teens to share information about their lives;
- Know where your teens are, what they're doing, who they're with & who their friends are;
- Find ways for your teens to be involved in family life;
- Set clear rules, including rules about alcohol use. Enforce the rules you set;
- Don't let your teens attend parties where alcohol is served;
- Help your teens find ways to have fun without alcohol.

Finally, do not give alcohol to your teens or their friends. Let them know any alcohol in your home is off limits.



*For more information or to join the Pequannock Twp. Coalition, please call Anne Light at 973-625-1998 or email at [alight@mcpik.org](mailto:alight@mcpik.org).*

Section 043.02 Alcoholic Beverages; Underage Persons.



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## Do **YOU** know the underage persons private property law?

<sup>††</sup>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Surgeon General's Call to Action to Prevent and Reduce Underage Drinking: A Guide for Families.

*Subsection 043.02.01*

*Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Underage Person on Private Property Prohibited.*

**It is hereby unlawful for any person under the legal age to, without legal authority, knowingly possess or knowingly consume an alcoholic beverage on private property.**



*Subsection 043.02.02*

*Violation and Penalties.*

A. Any person found guilty of violating the terms of this ordinance shall be **subject to a fine of \$250.00 for the first offense and a fine of \$350.00 for any subsequent offense.** In addition, the court may, upon a finding of guilty, in addition to the fine authorized for this offense, **suspend or postpone for six months the driving privileges of the defendant.** Upon the conviction of any person and the suspension or postponement of that person's drivers license, the court shall forward a report to the Division of Motor

Vehicles stating the first and last day of the suspension or postponement period imposed by the court pursuant to this section. If a person at the time of the imposition of a sentence is less than 17 years of age, the period of license postponement, including a suspension or postponement of the privilege of operating a motorized bicycle, shall commence on the day the sentence is imposed and shall run for a period of six months after the person reaches the age of 17 years. If the defendant at the time of the imposition of the sentence has a valid drivers license issued by this state, the court shall immediately collect the license and forward it to the Division of Motor Vehicles along with the report. If for any reason the license cannot be collected, the court shall include in the report the complete name, address, date of birth, eye color, and sex of the person, as well as the first and last date of the license suspension period imposed by the court.

B. The court shall inform the person orally and in writing that if the person is convicted of operating a motor vehicle during the period of license suspension or postponement, the person shall be subject to the penalties



set forth in N.J.S.A. 39:3-40. The defendant shall be required to acknowledge receipt of the written notice in writing. Failure to receive a written notice or failure to acknowledge in writing the receipt of the written notice shall not be a defense to a subsequent charge of a violation of N.J.S.A. 39:3-40.



C. If the person convicted under this ordinance is not a New Jersey resident, the court shall suspend or postpone, as appropriate, the nonresident driving privilege of the person based on the age of the person and submit to the Division the required report. The court shall not collect the license of a nonresident convicted under this Article. Upon receipt of a report by the court, the Division shall notify the appropriate officials in the licensing jurisdiction of the suspension or postponement.