

DO YOU KNOW THE LAW

North Dakota Underage Drinking Laws

Under 21?

It is illegal to manufacture, purchase, consume or possess alcoholic beverages.

Class B Misdemeanor:

(Punishable up to 30 days in jail and \$500 fine)

- Purchasing or attempting to purchase alcohol if you are under the age of 21
- Using a fake ID to purchase alcohol
- Possessing or consuming alcohol under the age of 21
- Entering a liquor establishment under the age of 21

Over 21?

It is illegal to provide or purchase alcohol for anyone under the age of 21.

Class A Misdemeanor:

(Punishable up to one year in prison and \$3,000 fine)

- Providing alcohol to a person under the age of 21

If you host a party with alcohol available, you can be held Civilly Liable for damages or injuries caused by an intoxicated or underage guest. (For example, if an intoxicated guest leaves the party and gets into a traffic accident causing injury to another person, the injured person can sue you, and if the person dies, the family can sue).

It is illegal to drink and drive at any age

Class B Misdemeanor – Class C Felony:

(Punishable up to five years in prison and \$10,000 fine)

- Driving Under the Influence
Blood Alcohol Level over .08 for adults and .02 for minors

Additional Consequences May Include:

- Criminal record
- Financial penalties
- Increased insurance rates
- Loss of driver's license
- Loss of college scholarships
- Inability to pursue desired career

