

Underage Drinking Will Cost You.

Underage drinking is dangerous. Alcohol kills more young people than cocaine, heroin and all other illegal drugs combined.* Not only is it physically harmful, it's also against the law. Delaware takes underage drinking violations very seriously, and so should you—the penalties for violating underage drinking laws are severe.

** Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD): Myths About Alcohol for Teens*

Laws & Penalties

Underage Drinking

Anyone under age 21 possessing, consuming or found having consumed alcohol

- Loss of license for 1 month or \$100 fine if unlicensed

Using False ID

Anyone who misrepresents themselves, makes up a false statement or uses false identification to obtain alcohol

- \$500 fine or 30 days in jail

Entering Bars or Package Stores Underage

Anyone under age 21 entering or remaining in a bar or liquor store

- \$50 fine

Providing a Minor with Alcohol

Anyone who sells to, delivers to or purchases alcohol for anyone under age 21

- Up to \$500 fine and 40 hours of community service
- Parents who host parties for minors may also be held liable in civil court

Underage DUI—The Zero Tolerance Law

Anyone under age 21 who operates any vehicle while consuming or having consumed any amount of alcohol may be arrested.

- For first offense, loss of license for two months, or \$200 fine if unlicensed
- A minor under age 18 with a blood alcohol content over .08 loses license until age 21
- A minor age 18–21 with blood alcohol content over .08 is treated like an adult and will lose his or her license for one year



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