

# PARTYSAFE

## UNDERAGE DRINKING

- You cannot buy alcohol if you are under 18 years old.
- It is against the law to drink in public if you are under 18 years old.
- If you are under 18 years old you can drink on private property, but you must be supervised by an adult.
- The police have the power to enter the private property and take your alcohol if they believe the adult supervision is not good enough.

## NOISE RESTRICTIONS

- You cannot make excessive noise (loud noise).
- Neighbours or the public can make noise complaints to police.
- Police can investigate noise complaints and can give a noise direction forcing you to stop making noise. If you don't follow the direction, you can be charged.

## PUBLIC NUISANCE

It is against the law to commit a public nuisance. A public nuisance is when you behave in a:

- **disorderly way**
- **offensive way;**
- **threatening way; or**
- **a violent way and**

Your behaviour does or is likely to interfere with another person's enjoyment of public life. Examples include, fighting in public, yelling and swearing at each other.

## DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

- It is an offence to damage or destroy any property.

*This includes:*

- **breaking windows**
- **graffiti on public or private property**
- **damaging cars; and**
- **damaging walls.**

## FINES AND PUNISHMENT

- The police can force you to 'move on' or fine you for public nuisance.
- Organisers of events can be fined over \$12,000 if they get 'out-of-control'.
- Police have a range of powers they can exercise to end a party.

## GET MORE INFO

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