

SUGGESTED MODEL UNDERAGE DRINKING LAWS

The following is a list of model underage drinking laws prepared by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). In conducting a review of existing laws and regulations, communities can refer to this list to determine whether their laws are sufficient.

21 Minimum Drinking Age Law

Makes it unlawful for anyone under the age of 21 years to purchase, attempt to purchase, possess, consume, misrepresent their age to purchase or attempt to purchase or use a fake or false ID.

Use/Lose Law

Applies driver's license sanctions for driving and non-driving related alcohol offenses.

Zero Tolerance

Establishes a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .02 (or .000 or 0.01) for drivers under age 21 as a violation of law in operating a vehicle and requires license suspension for violators.

Adults Providing Alcohol To Minors or Dram Shop (Social Host) Liability Laws

Makes it illegal for any person to sell, furnish or provide any alcoholic beverages to anyone under the age of 21 years (may be lawful for parents to provide alcohol to their children in their home or under certain circumstances, i.e., holidays, religious celebrations).

Graduated Licensing Laws

Establishes a graduated system of licensing that requires young drivers to meet certain standards before obtaining a full license. Some laws may also include prohibitions on the number of passengers and a curfew.

Youth In Alcohol Establishments Laws

Prohibits youth under 21 years from entering an establishment that serves or sells alcohol, also may prohibit youth from working in these establishments or being allowed to sell alcohol.

Keg Registration

Discourages adults from purchasing kegs of beer for youth by requiring the purchaser to provide identification for a label on the keg. The information is maintained by the seller until the keg is returned. This law also discourages youth from using fake IDs to purchase beer kegs.