

KNOW THE POWER OF PARENTS. As a parent, you have the greatest influence on your teen's decision-making. Use this influence! Prevent drug and alcohol use through open communication and clear limitations. Set curfews and enforce them. Remove temptation by locking up liquor and prescription medications. Lead by example—if you drink, use alcohol responsibly.

KNOW WHERE TO GO FOR HELP. If you feel overwhelmed dealing with your teenager, you are not alone! Many families face challenges along the way. For a list of resources that offer confidential help, go to www.tonkacares.org. Good places to start include Minnetonka High School's Chemical Health Counselor (952-401-5740); Hopkins Minnetonka Family Resource Center (952-988-5350); West Suburban Teen Clinic (952-474-3251); Relate Counseling Center (952-932-7277).

KNOW YOUR CHILD. Getting to know your child takes time, but it's worth it! Set aside time each day for communication and listening. Who does your teenager hang out with? Get to know your child's friends and their parents. The better you know your child, the better you'll communicate and the more likely you are to notice subtle changes in his or her behavior.

KNOW Tonka CARES!

COLLABORATION

- **We can have an impact on underage substance use if we work together.** Find out more at www.tonkacares.org

POLICY

- **Public and institutional policies have a powerful effect on underage substance use.** We track the latest research and make recommendations to local policy-makers.

YOUTH

- **Young people have a voice in our work.** *Tonka Leadership Challenge* provides an opportunity for Minnetonka High School students to pledge not to use chemicals as part of their commitment to community leadership.

PARENTS

- **Parents are empowered** through programs such as *Eat.Talk.Connect* and the *Safe Homes Directory*. Parent classes, forums and www.tonkacares.org provide parents with the resources they need to make informed choices.

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Working Together to Reduce Underage Substance Use

Law enforcement directly benefits when underage drinking is prevented or cited. More enforcement results in fewer traffic crashes and fatalities, homicides, suicides, assaults, rapes and other criminal activity that require response.

M.S.169A.33 (Not A Drop)

It is illegal for a person under age 21: To operate a motor vehicle while consuming alcoholic beverages or the physical condition of having ingested an alcoholic beverage. If a person's alcohol-concentration level is 0.08 or more, regular DWI laws apply instead of the underage consumption while driving offense.

M.S.340A.415

A commercial server can be fined up to \$2,000 and/or license suspension or revocation, for selling or distributing alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of 21.

M.S.340A.503 Subd. 1

It is illegal: For a liquor establishment to permit any person under the age of 21 years to drink alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises.

M.S.340A.503 Subd. 2

It is illegal for a person: To sell, barter, furnish or give alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of 21. To persuade to purchase or obtain any alcoholic beverage, or to lend or knowingly allow the use of a person's driver's license, permit, Minnesota Identification card or any other form of identification for a person under the age of 21. It is illegal for any person under the age of 21: To purchase or attempt to purchase any alcoholic beverage.

M.S.340A.503 Subd. 3

It is illegal for a person under the age of 21: To possess any alcoholic beverage with the intent to consume it. For possession in the household of the person's parent or guardian, an exception applies. Possession at a place other than the household of the parent or guardian creates the presumption of intention to consume.

M.S. 340A.503 Subd.4

It is illegal for a person under the age of 21: To enter a liquor establishment for the sale of alcoholic beverages or for the purpose of purchasing or having served or delivered any alcoholic beverage.

M.S. 340A.503 Subd. 5

It is illegal for a person under the age of 21: To claim to be 21 years of age or older for the purposes of purchasing alcoholic beverages.

M.S. 340A.507 Subd. 4

It is illegal: For a manufacturer, wholesaler or retailer of alcoholic beverages to conduct, sponsor or contribute financially to activities that are held on college campuses or other post-secondary institutions of learning, that involve the consumption or sale of alcoholic beverages.

M.S. 340A.513, Subd. 2

Off-sale retailers must affix an identification label or tag to each beer keg that is for sale. The retailer will record the purchaser's ID information, date and time of purchase, keg ID number and purchaser's signature. The record will be kept for 90 days.

M.S. 340A.702

It is illegal: For a licensed retailer to provide alcohol to a minor. If the minor suffers great bodily harm or death as a result of intoxication, the provider can be charged with a gross misdemeanor.

M.S. 340A.801

It provides for common law tort: Against any person 21 years old or older who knowingly provides or furnishes alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of 21 years.

M.S. 340A.90 (Civil Liability, Cause of Action)

A statutory cause of action has been created: For any person injured by an intoxicated person under age 21, giving the injured party the right of civil third-party liability action for damages, excluding homeowners' insurance coverage.

This information is only a guide and should not be considered legal advice.