SAFE
PARTY
HOST
GUIDE.

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY
HOSTING A PARTY = GREAT RESPONSIBILITY

YOU ARE LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENS AT THE PARTY WHETHER IT IS UNDERAGE DRINKING, ILLEGAL DRUG USE, PROPERTY DAMAGE, AND/OR FIGHTS.

YOU CAN AVOID SUCH PROBLEMS BY PLANNING AHEAD. CHECK OUT THE BELOW POTENTIAL IDEAS FOR A FUN, YET SAFE EVENT.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: WWW.STARTCOLLEGESERVETRAINING.COM

GUIDELINES FOR BEFORE THE PARTY

OPEN HOUSE PARTIES
Homeowners, landlords, or tenants who permit consumption of alcohol by persons under 21 years, or fail to stop persons under 21 from drinking can be charged with a misdemeanor.

MINOR IN POSSESSION
It is against the law for persons under 21 to obtain, partake of, or be in ownership of alcohol. If you have drunk alcohol, it is not necessary to be holding in order to be charged with Minor in Possession (MIP). The offense is a misdemeanor; a first offense usually carries a fine of not less than $250 plus $24.50 in court costs, or two years probation and 20 hours of community service. The maximum penalty for a misdemeanor is a $500 fine and 90 days in jail.

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED
For persons over 21, legal BAC in Missouri is .08 for driving while intoxicated; however, minors can be charged with a BAC of .02 under recent Zero Tolerance regulations. The results of a conviction may include community service, license revocation, jail time, classes, or fines.
**Designated Driver and Designated Walker**

Have a designated driver prior to arriving at a party. Know who will be taking you home and who will be coming with you. Have a back-up plan. Have a taxi service in mind if no other options are available. DO NOT drive home after drinking - even if only one drink. If you are not driving, it is also important to have a ‘designated walker’ who will ensure that you arrive home safely.

**Fake IDs**

It is illegal to deface a driver’s license, loan a driver’s license to a minor, create a fictitious driver’s license, or use someone else’s driver’s license. Those who do will be found guilty of a misdemeanor.

**Selling Alcohol Without a License**

Any persons who engage in practices such as selling cups, promoting all-you-can-drink with admission parties, or otherwise engaging in exchange of money for alcohol will be guilty of a felony under Missouri statutes. A felony arrest means fingerprinting, and a resulting criminal record. A felony conviction carries 2-5 years in the state department of corrections or one month to one year in the county jail, plus up to $1000 fine. A charge without conviction will remain on record, which can be reviewed by potential employers.

**Keg Registration**

If a keg is confiscated at a party where minors have been drinking, the person whose name is on the keg registration could be charged with supplying alcohol to persons under 21.

**Open Container**

Open containers of alcohol are prohibited in public places, including parking lots, school yards, sidewalks, public parks, or any other public property.

**Noise**

Persons who disturb others with loud noises, such as yelling or loud music that can be heard at a distance of more than 100 feet, can be charged with a misdemeanor if the occurrence is between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

**Public Urination**

It is a misdemeanor to urinate in a public location.

**Drugs**

Hosts may be held accountable if illegal drug use is discovered at the party.
**Physical Assault**
Persons who fight or take part in aggressive acts at parties can be charged with a misdemeanor.

**Littering**
Persons who throw containers of alcohol or other forms of trash on the ground can be arrested or charged with littering.

**Illegal Parking**
Parking in areas that violate city ordinances can result in towing of the vehicle.

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**CHECKLIST FOR DURING THE PARTY**

- Stay sober and supervise your guests throughout the party; enlist the help of other sober friends to help keep the party fun and without problems.
- Keep and stick to the guest list. Then, you know everyone at your party, and it also provides extra safety and reduces the risk of property damage and theft.
- Enlist a sober friend to bounce ‘unwanted’ guests away.
- Check driver’s licenses of persons in attendance to make sure that no minors are drinking.
- Keep food and non-alcoholic drinks stocked.
- Do not permit smoking inside the house to reduce fire hazards.
- Discontinue service of alcohol to persons who become too drunk or are acting out of hand.
- Prohibit the use of illegal drugs.
- Walk around outside periodically to make sure that the noise level is okay, that there is no litter, adequate parking, or lines of guests waiting to get inside.
- Keep the house cooler by opening windows or using fans. Less people will feel the need to go outside to cool off, meaning less noise outside.
- Keeps the bathroom line moving. This will keep people inside which may prevent persons urinating or vomiting outside.
- If there is a porch above the first floor, limit the number of occupants at a given time in order to prevent collapse (or close off all access entirely to prevent any problem).
- Look for signs of potential fighting, sexual assault, or alcohol poisoning. Keep tabs on guests to ensure that guests who appear intoxicated do not drive; do not allow them to wander off or leave alone on foot.
TIPS FOR AFTER THE PARTY

- Ensure that everyone has a safe ride home.
- Ensure that all containers are closed and put/thrown away.
- Encourage group departures and communicating with each other after the party is let out.
- Clean-up the trash!

MISSOURI LAWS ON ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

- Any person under 21 years of age that is in any way involved with liquor can be charged with a misdemeanor. This includes purchasing, asking, or receiving alcohol.
- In Missouri, if convicted, a $1000 dollar fine and/or imprisonment for a year are possible. Parental notification can take effect if under 21.
- In Missouri, any person under 21 years of age who uses a fake ID of any sort can be charged with a misdemeanor.
- In Missouri, the police can charge you with “minor in possession by consumption” if they have any reason to suspect that you are underage and are drinking/have been drinking.
- The legal BAC limit for a DWI is a .08.
- In Missouri, any one under 21 years of age can have their license revoked for a year if found driving with possession of alcohol or drugs.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Saint Louis University is often notified when students are involved in incidents off campus. Students involved in an incident off campus may be contacted by the Office of Student Conduct and liable to a violation of the Code of Conduct.
CRITICAL SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF ALCOHOL POISONING

• MENTAL CONFUSION, STUPOR, COMA, OR PERSON CANNOT BE ROUSED.
• VOMITING.
• SEIZURES.
• SLOW BREATHING (FEWER THAN EIGHT BREATHS PER MINUTE).
• IRREGULAR BREATHING (10 SECONDS OR MORE BETWEEN BREATHS).
• HYPOTHERMIA (LOW BODY TEMPERATURE), BLUISH SKIN COLOR, PALENESS.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I SUSPECT SOMEONE HAS ALCOHOL POISONING?

• KNOW THE DANGER SIGNALS.
• DO NOT WAIT FOR ALL SYMPTOMS TO BE PRESENT.
• BE AWARE THAT A PERSON WHO HAS PASSED OUT MAY DIE.
• IF THERE IS ANY SUSPICION OF AN ALCOHOL OVERDOSE, CALL 911 FOR HELP. DON’T TRY TO GUESS THE LEVEL OF DRUNKENNESS.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN TO SOMEONE WITH ALCOHOL POISONING THAT GOES UNTREATED?

• VICTIM CHOKES ON HIS OR HER OWN VOMIT.
• BREATHING SLOWS, BECOMES IRREGULAR, OR STOPS.
• HEART BEATS IRREGULARLY OR STOPS.
• HYPOTHERMIA (LOW BODY TEMPERATURE).
• HYPOGLYCEMIA (TOO LITTLE BLOOD SUGAR) LEADS TO SEIZURES.
• UNTREATED SEVERE DEHYDRATION FROM VOMITING CAN CAUSE SEIZURES, PERMANENT BRAIN DAMAGE, OR DEATH.
PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING FOR MORE INFORMATION/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

**JANELLE DENSBERGER**
Billikens After Dark
Late Night Alcohol Alternative program
Contact (314) 977-2805 or
www.slu.edu/billikensafterdark.xml

**DIANA FOSTER**
Office of Student Conduct
BSC, 3rd Floor
314-977-1569

**MEREDITH OSBORN**
Student Health and Counseling Services
Marchetti Towers East
314-977-2323

**IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY**, contact 911 or the Department of Public Safety at 314-977-3000.