

SERVE ALCOHOL TO MINORS... AND WE'LL CRASH YOUR PARTY

San Rafael's Social Host Ordinance (SHO) holds adults responsible for hosting youth drinking in their households whether the adults are present or not.



FACTS ON THE SHO:

HOUSE PARTIES ARE WHERE YOUTH DRINK.

73% of young people in Marin reported they most often drink alcohol at home with friends, at parties, or at other social events.*

IT IS A PROVEN PREVENTION TOOL.

A good SHO policy can act as a deterrent to help stop underage drinking parties before they cause harm.

IT TAKES PRESSURE OFF YOUTH.

It's become a norm to drink at youth parties. With a SHO, youth don't have to make the decision of drinking to fit in or not going to parties.

IT HOLDS ADULTS ACCOUNTABLE.

Providing alcohol to a minor is illegal, and enforcing this law requires the help of parents and the greater community.

IT IS A TOOL FOR YOU.

It gives you talking points for a difficult conversation.

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HOW DOES THE SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCE WORK?

- A neighbor reports a loud party or 'unruly gathering' where they believe there is underage drinking.
- An 'unruly gathering' means a party or gathering of two (2) or more persons at a residence or other private property in the city.
- The police officer that responds to the scene will assess the situation to find out if underage drinking has occurred.
- The adults will be held responsible for any underage drinking and all youth will be required to get home safely. Youth under the influence may be cited or arrested.
- If adults are not present, they will be notified that an underage drinking party has occurred in their home and will be held accountable.

If underage youth are drinking on your property, you could be fined up to \$700 with a possible addition of recovery fees.

To anonymously report underage drinking parties in San Rafael, call the SRPD's non-emergency phone line at: (415) 485-3000.

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