

## You can help

Help protect our youth from the dangers of underage drinking by reporting unlawful sales and serving of alcoholic beverages, cigarettes, tobacco products and tobacco wrappers to underage persons to ABT without giving your name. Your complaint will be investigated to determine the source of the products. Call the anonymous, toll-free reporting line at 1-866-540 SUDS (7837) or at 850-488-3227.

### ABOUT THE DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO

The Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco is committed to preventing and deterring the underage possession and use of alcoholic beverage and tobacco products by Florida's youth. This goal cannot be met without the assistance and support of our public partners.



If you see suspicious or illegal activity at any alcohol or tobacco retailer, please call the Division's toll-free reporting line at **1-866-540 SUDS (7837)** or at **850-488-3227**. You may remain anonymous, and all reports are thoroughly investigated.

You may also contact the Division by e-mail at: [ABT@dbpr.state.fl.us](mailto:ABT@dbpr.state.fl.us) or on the Internet at [www.myfloridalicense.com](http://www.myfloridalicense.com).

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# Facts About Underage Drinking in Florida



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# Zero Tolerance for Underage Drinking



**Teens - It's Illegal To:**

**Possess an alcoholic beverage if you are under the age of 21.**

**Consequences:** 60 days in jail or a \$500 fine, and being subjected to having your parents drive you around.

**Misrepresent your age, or the age of anyone else, for the purpose of buying or being served alcoholic beverages.**

**Consequences:** Having your driving privileges revoked, 60 days jail, and a \$500 fine plus court costs.

**Possess a forged stolen, borrowed, fictitious counterfeit, or unlawfully used Florida Driver's license or Florida ID card or trade or supply someone else with a State of Florida issued driver's license or ID card.**

**Consequences:** Five years in jail or a \$5,000 fine and being permanently subjected to having your parents drive you around.

**Attempt to purchase alcoholic beverages or tobacco products if you are underage.**

**Consequences:** Store owner or employee can have you arrested.

Words you might hear during a party	Words you might hear after the party
<b>Wasted</b>	"Blow into this device so we can see if your blood alcohol level is over the legal limit."
<b>Drunk</b>	"Walk the line and touch your nose with your right finger."
<b>Hammered</b>	"You are under arrest; please put your hands behind your back."
<b>Inebriated</b>	"Smile! It's time for your mug shot!"
<b>Plastered</b>	"How do you plead?"
<b>Tipsy</b>	"This one is going down to the city morgue."

# FACTS ABOUT UNDERAGE DRINKING IN FLORIDA

**Parental Discretion is Advised**

Parents you may be :

- Held civilly liable for damages plus court costs for destruction of property.
- Held responsible for minors' consumption of alcohol at "house parties."

*The Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco works with underage people who volunteer to investigate the sales of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products to underage persons.*

**Not a "Minor" Infraction**

**Vendors – Give, sell, or permit the service of alcoholic beverages to anyone under 21.** *Consequences: Maximum penalty for violations is 60 days in jail, a \$500 fine and court costs.*

**Sell, issue or offer in Florida any ID card or other document giving the incorrect age of someone without requiring proof of age.** *Consequences: Penalties can range up to five years in state prison or a \$5,000 fine.*

**Any person who willfully and unlawfully sells or furnishes alcoholic beverages to a person who is not of lawful drinking age, or who knowingly serves a person habitually addicted to the use of any and all alcoholic beverages, may become liable for injury or damage caused by or resulting from the intoxication.**

*Consequences: A fine up of to \$500 and 60 days in jail may be imposed. In addition, courts may tack on a fine, suspension, or revocation of license. The first violation by the vendor carries a \$1,000 fine and a seven-day license suspension. Penalties are then increased for subsequent violations.*

**Acceptable Forms of Identification with a Photograph:**

- Driver's License
- Florida ID Card
- Passport
- US Uniformed Services ID Card
- A Comparable ID issued by another state

*These are the only forms of identification that can be verified.*