

Underage Drinking in the Home

You Should Know!

State Law In Minnesota

What does state law say?

Current state criminal statutes do not address social hosting. However, some communities may have local ordinances on social hosting that can include fines and other penalties.

Can the adult be sued?

A person, or spouse, child, parent, guardian, employer of a person, who is injured or suffers due to an intoxicated person under 21 years of age has a right of action against a person who is 21 years or older who: (1) had control over the premises and, being in a reasonable position to prevent the consumption of alcoholic beverages by that person, knowingly or recklessly permitted that consumption and the consumption caused the intoxication of that person; or (2) sold, bartered, furnished or gave to, or purchased for a person under the age of 21 years alcoholic beverages that caused the intoxication of that person.



Are there liability limits to the amount of money the adult can be sued for?

Not specified. The law does state that a person has a right of action

for all damages sustained.

Pre-College Parental Chat May Reduce Freshman Drinking

Parents who want to help their teens better navigate the world of college drinking might consider a pre-college chat on the topic. New research suggests it will help douse their desire to imbibe when they hit campus.

"The research shows parents do influence a teen's decisions about drinking, even at this age," said study co-author Michael Cleveland, a research assistant professor at the Prevention Research Center at Pennsylvania State University.

Read the full article [here](#).



Parents - Did You Know?

- About 30% of 8th graders have tried alcohol.
- About half of all 10th graders drink alcohol.
- One in six teens binge drink.
- Yet, only one in 100 parents believe his or her child binge drinks.
- Teen alcohol use kills about 5,000 people each year, more than all other illegal drugs combined.

Power of Parents®

Parental influence is the most important factor in helping keep teens safe.

A GfK Roper Youth Report showed that 74 percent of kids (8-17) said **their parents are the leading influence on their decisions about drinking.**

Pop Culture's Influence on Medicine Misuse/Abuse



Take a look at how pop culture misleads youth when it comes to attitudes and beliefs surrounding prescription drugs. Parents may be doing all the right

things at home, but we still have the outside world to contend with, where our kids are likely getting very different messages.

Medicine misuse/abuse among youth has reached epidemic levels in our country, with a reported 2,500 teens using prescription drugs without a doctor's guidance for the first time every day.

[Click here](#) to read the full article.

Marijuana Dependence Researcher: Important to Focus on Teens

By Celia Vimont

A drug used to treat liver toxicity in Tylenol overdoses may be helpful in treating teens dependent on marijuana, when it is combined with behavioral therapy, according to an expert speaking at the recent American Psychiatric Association annual meeting. The drug is one of a number of new treatments being tested for marijuana dependence, but is the only one so far tested solely in adolescents. "Young people should be a particular focus of treatment for marijuana dependence," says researcher Kevin M. Gray, M.D., Associate Professor in the

Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. "We want to treat it early, before a lot of serious outcomes occur when they transition to adulthood." Full article: <http://www.drugfree.org/join-together/addiction/marijuana-dependence-researcher-important-to-focus-on-teens>

Staying Involved with Your Teen

"As annoying as it is to teens, keeping tabs is one of the most important things we can do as parent." [Staying Involved with Your Teen](#)



WHY Do Teens Act This Way?

The science in a nutshell
New discoveries about adolescent brain development provide insights about teens and risky behaviors. Scientists are beginning to learn that it takes a brain about 25 years to fully develop, and that a huge burst of development happens during adolescence. That burst can explain a lot of unpredictable – and sometimes risky – teen behavior. Parent's Guide to the Teen Brain: [Teen Brain](#)

MN Meth Use on the Rise



"With heroin and other opiate use remaining at what experts call alarmingly high levels, there's new cause for concern: Methamphetamine is back."

[Star Tribune article](#)
[MPR News Report](#)

ER Visits Tied to Energy Drinks Double Since 2007

By Garance Burke

A new government survey suggests the number of people seeking emergency treatment after consuming energy drinks has doubled nationwide during the past four years, the same period in which the supercharged drink industry has surged in popularity in convenience stores, bars and on college campuses.



From 2007 to 2011, the government estimates the number of emergency room visits involving the neon-labeled beverages shot up from about 10,000 to more than 20,000.



Most of those cases involved teens or young adults, according to a survey of the nation's hospitals released late last week by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Full article:

http://www.twincities.com/national/ci_22383763/er-visits-tied-energy-drinks-double-since-2007

ADHD Drug May Spur Brain Changes, Study Suggests

By Rachael Rettner

People with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) who take certain medications over long periods may develop changes in their brains that ultimately impact their ability to respond to the drugs, a new study suggests.

In the study, adults with ADHD had higher levels of a protein called a dopamine transporter in their brains after one year of treatment with the drug methylphenidate (most commonly sold as Ritalin), compared with before they starting taking the drug.

Full article: <http://news.yahoo.com/adhd-drug-may-spur-brain-changes-study-suggests-213628387.html>

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