

## Alcohol & the law

### Laws relating to minors

In NSW, except in specific limited circumstances, it is illegal to sell and supply alcohol to people under the age of 18? The law applies anywhere and at all times, including homes, halls and public places generally. The law also makes it illegal for minors to drink alcohol in licensed venues. The minor can receive an on the spot fine of \$220 or the court can impose a maximum penalty of \$2,200.

As the host of a party where alcohol is supplied to people under 18 years of age, that host could be issued with an on-the-spot fine of \$1,100 by the police for every minor that is served. They may also be liable for a court penalty of \$11,000 and/or 12 months imprisonment for each person under the age of 18 who is supplied with alcohol. An exception to this is where a parent or guardian supplies liquor to their child away from licensed premises.

A minor must not take delivery of any liquor sold over the telephone or by facsimile or by mail order or through an internet site unless he/she was ordered or requested by his or her parent or guardian. A maximum court imposed fine of \$2,200, or an on-the-spot penalty of \$220, applies to a minor for this offence.

However, a person must not order or request a minor to take delivery of liquor sold over the telephone or by facsimile or by mail order or through an internet site. A maximum court imposed fine of \$3,300, or an on-the-spot penalty of \$3,300, applies to a person for this offence.

For more information about the liquor laws and young people refer to the NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing website  
[www.olgr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.olgr.nsw.gov.au)

