



# Social Host Responsibility

## Suggestions for Responsible Hospitality

**From holiday gatherings to corporate events, a responsible host can make a social event enjoyable while creating a safe and fun environment. The following are some tips and strategies to help manage an event when alcohol is served.**

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- Avoid making alcohol drinking the focus of the party.
- Learn about social host liabilities, some states hold the host responsible for an intoxicated guest's actions.
- Designate an individual to be responsible for serving alcohol. Promote serving size awareness and alcohol content to avoid overservice.
- Don't serve alcoholic beverages to guests who are under the age of 21.
- Remember: It's illegal to serve an intoxicated individual.
- Monitor guests' consumption of alcohol beverages.
- Provide non-alcoholic beverages when alcohol beverages are served.
- Serve high protein and low-salt foods to slow the absorption of alcohol into the bloodstream.
- Stop serving alcohol at least one hour before the end of the party.
- Use servers of legal drinking age to serve alcohol beverages.
- Arrange alternative transportation and/or lodging for guests who may become alcohol impaired.