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.