



## Teen Use Rates Still High in State

In South Dakota, young people continue using alcohol illegally at high rates. Community prevention coalitions have made inroads in helping to embed environmental strategies to protect youth in towns and cities to lower use rates. Still, results of underage alcohol use are detrimental to the health and safety of those under 21.

Increased opportunity for injuries, violence, law enforcement/court involvement, sexual activity, drinking and driving, unintended pregnancy, and newly discovered effects on the developing adolescent brain are reasons to follow and enforce the new Social Host Law.

## Who We Are

### SD Prevention Network

Twenty-two community prevention coalitions working to reduce underage drinking and binge drinking through environmental change in South Dakota.

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### What is Social Hosting?

The definition of a social host is "Anyone who hosts a social gathering and knowingly condones the illegal consumption of alcohol by underage persons on property the host controls."

It is providing a place where young people can have a party and/or providing alcohol to them.

What is the Social Host Law? In SD, SB 163 says that no person acting as a social host may knowingly permit any person under the age of 18 to illegally consume any alcohol beverage. This is a Class 1 misdemeanor. As well, no person acting as a social host, may knowingly permit any person aged eighteen, nineteen or twenty to illegally consume any alcoholic beverage. Violation is a Class 2 misdemeanor. The social host is still responsible even if not physically present or on the premises if the social host knew that illegal consumption of alcoholic beverages would occur in his or her absence.

***Knowledgeable community members will understand the Social Host Law which will be in effect on July 1, 2014, to keep South Dakota youth safe and healthy.***

### Legal Consequences of Social Hosting in SD

***Class 1 misdemeanor: Maximum penalty, one year imprisonment in a county jail or two thousand dollar fine or both.***

***Class 2 misdemeanor: Maximum penalty, thirty days imprisonment in a county jail or five hundred dollars fine or both.***



*Young drivers increase chances of crashes, injury and death if they drive after drinking.*

### Let SD Data Speak

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for young people ages 15-20. Alcohol was involved in 31% of deaths in those crashes. John Hopkins, 2014

Estimated binge drinking in last 30 days by age group 2008-2010 combined results: Ages 12-17 United States=8.59, Ages 12-17 South Dakota=9.90. Ages 18-25 United States = 41.04, South Dakota= 51.50. NSDUH

Percent of high school students who had five or more drinks of alcohol in a row within a couple of hours on at least one day (during 30 days before the survey) 2011, United States=21.9, 2011, South Dakota=26.2. YRBS, 1011

Nationally, high school (grades 9-12) binge drinking declined since 1991; South Dakota binge drinking declined also, but activity is still higher than national data. YRBS, 2011