



Social Host Tip Sheet

Protect yourself and your guests!

Whether you're hosting a backyard barbecue or your kids are throwing a weekend bash, be sure to follow the guidelines below to protect yourself and your guests.

1. **Control the access to alcohol** by maintaining a supervised bar, even for BYOB drinks.
2. **Supply free, unlimited non-alcoholic drinks.**
3. **Set out food** for your guests.
4. **Do everything you can to prevent the party being crashed** by uninvited guests – a common complication of teenage parties.
5. **Refuse to serve alcohol** to anyone who is intoxicated or under-age.
6. **Have a number of sober "supervisors"** relative to the size of the party.
7. **Keep guests from taking part in competitions** or dangerous activities that require coordination. Discourage drinking games.
8. **Provide taxi vouchers**, arrange for alternative transportation and have space available for overnight guests.
9. **Insist on a supervised exit** where you can question driving arrangements, take keys or arrange for cabs.
10. **Call a guest's spouse** or family members if the guest becomes unreasonable.
11. **Call the police** if a guest insists on driving drunk.