



INFOBRIEF:

Minnesota Social Host Ordinances

Protecting Youth from Alcohol and Other Drugs through Legislative Prevention

What is a social host ordinance (SHO)?

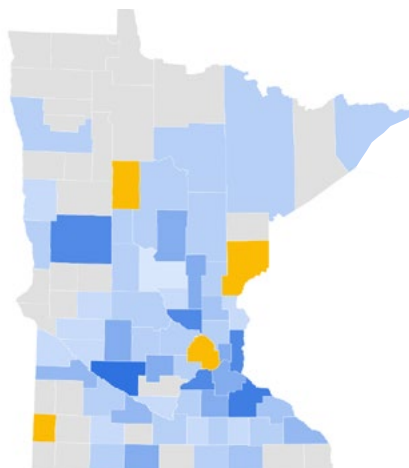
A social host ordinance makes it unlawful for individuals (social hosts) to knowingly provide a place for underage drinking to occur on a premises under the host's control. The host is held responsible regardless of who provided the alcohol. An ordinance violation is a misdemeanor offense with a maximum penalty of 90 days in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine. Some ordinances have been expanded to include marijuana.

Why do these policies exist?

Underage drinking often takes place in social settings (at home or parties). Social host ordinances help reduce underage access to alcohol. These policies provide another tool for law enforcement to use in keeping our neighborhoods and youth safe. Ordinances encourage a consistent message to young people, from all caring adults in the community, about the importance of choosing not to drink alcohol before age 21.

Who is responsible for infractions?

You do not have to be present at the event to be held responsible. If you knew or had reason to know that underage drinking would occur and did nothing to prevent the event from continuing, nor prevented the consumption/possession, then you are responsible. Parents unaware of consumption by youth while away are not held responsible. The intent of this ordinance is to achieve compliance.



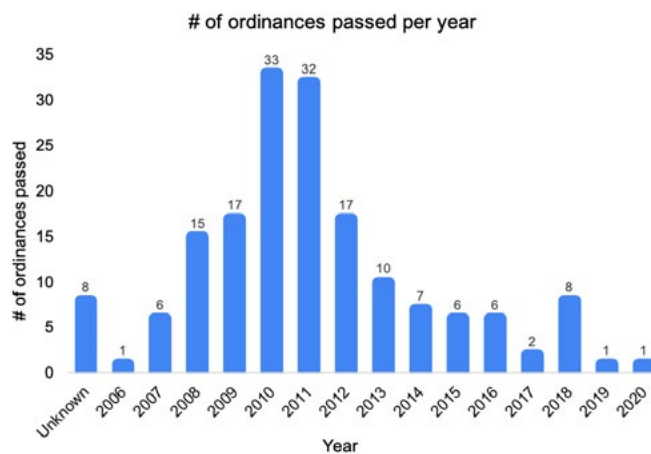
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of ordinances per county

64% of Minnesotans are in jurisdictions with social host ordinances:

147 city ordinances
37 county ordinances
3 expanded ordinances

■ = social host ordinance for alcohol
■ = expanded ordinance to include marijuana

MN Social Host Ordinances Passed, 2006–2020



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Where can I learn more?

There are organizations working to establish social host ordinances across Minnesota. To learn more about how to engage this work on your local level, contact your **Regional Prevention Coordinator (RPC)**. RPCs are the prevention point people in Minnesota, who will help give you a direction.

Find your RPC: rpcmn.org



Supporting prevention efforts since 1978

Minnesota Prevention Resource Center (MPRC) is your go-to for prevention information:

- online resource library
- in-person training
- topical webinars
- technical assistance
- monthly e-news
- annual conference

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County Ordinances:

Aitkin County
Blue Earth County
Cass County
Chisago County
Cook County
Dakota County
Freeborn County
Goodhue County
Hubbard County
Isanti County
Itasca County
Jackson County
Kanabec County
Kandiyohi County
Lac qui Parle County
Martin County
McLeod County
Meeker County
Mille Lacs County
Mower County
Olmsted County
Otter Tail County
Pine County
Pipestone County
Polk County
Pope County
Redwood County
Renville County
Rice County
Scott County
Sherburne County
Swift County
Todd County
Wabasha County
Wilkin County
Wright County
Yellow Medicine County

City Ordinances:

Aitkin
Albert Lea
Anoka
Apple Valley
Austin
Battle Lake
Baxter
Bayport
Becker
Belle Plaine
Bellechester
Big Lake
Bird Island
Blooming Prairie
Bloomington
Brainerd
Breckenridge
Breezy Point
Brooklyn Park
Buffalo Lake
Cambridge
Canby
Cannon Falls
Chaska
Clarkfield
Clear Lake
Cloquet
Columbus
Comfrey
Cottage Grove
Crookston
Crosslake
Crystal
Danube
Deer River
Dennison
Duluth
Dundas
Echo
Elk River
Elko New Market
Fairfax
Fairmont
Falcon Heights
Faribault
Fergus Falls
Forest Lake
Glencoe
Golden Valley
Goodhue
Goodview
Granada
Grand Marais
Granite Falls
Hector
Henning
Hibbing
Hopkins
Hutchinson
Isanti
Isle
Jackson
Jordan
Kenyon
Lake City
Lakeville
Lester Prairie
Litchfield
Little Falls
Long Prairie
Mankato
Maple Grove
Milaca
Minneapolis
Minnetonka
Moorhead
Mora
Morton
Nevis
New Hope
New London
New Prague
New Ulm
Northfield
Northrop
Oak Park Heights
Olivia
Onamia
Osseo
Otsego
Owatonna
Park Rapids
Parkers Prairie
Pelican Rapids
Perham
Pine River
Plymouth
Princeton
Prior Lake
Ramsey
Raymond
Red Wing
Redwood Falls
Renville
Rochester
Rosemount
Roseville
Sacred Heart
Savage
Scandia
Shakopee
Shorewood
Sleepy Eye
South St. Paul
South St. Paul
Spicer
Springfield
St. Charles
St. Cloud
St. Joseph
St. Paul
St. Paul Park
Stillwater
Truman
Verndale
Waconia
Wadena
Walker
Waseca
West St. Paul
Willmar
Winona
Winsted
Woodbury
Zimmerman
Zumbrota

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