When you’re hosting a party, the last thing you want is for the cops to crash your party or your guests to get out of control.

**IF YOU’RE HOSTING A PARTY…**

- Designate a sober host to answer the phone, door and deal with unruly guests or police.
- Tell your neighbors you’re having a party and give them a phone number to call if there is a problem so you can deal with it before the police need to get involved.
- Check your lease to make sure parties are not prohibited by your landlord. If police are called about an unruly party, the landlord is often notified.
- Keep the noise down and keep people inside. If police are driving by and there are a lot of people outside, that is a reason for them to stop. Excessive noise is often the reason people call the cops to report a party.
- Limit the number of people and keep track of who is at your party. Have a guest list, have people enter and exit through one door and lock up valuables.
- Check IDs if you’re serving alcohol and consider having a separate room for alcohol where only those 21+ can enter. If people under 21 are drinking you could be liable under the Social Host Ordinance.
- Don’t let anyone drink and drive. Plan to have cab numbers available or let people stay the night.

**IF YOU’RE GOING TO A PARTY…**

- Eat before you go out.
- Make a plan for how you’ll get home before you go out. Designate a driver, take a bus or cab, walk in a group, or call MSA Express/Gopher Chauffer at 612-388-6911.
- Set a limit for how many drinks you will have. Tell a friend so they can help you stick to it.
- Alternate alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks to help pace yourself.
- Watch out for your friends and don’t leave anyone behind. Don’t go anywhere alone!
- Respect the host’s property and don’t leave with an alcoholic beverage in an open container.

**5 DO’S AND DON’TS WHEN DEALING WITH THE POLICE…**

1. Don’t argue with police.
2. Don’t run or resist being arrested or ticketed. It is a crime to flee police on foot.
3. Do be cooperative and apologetic.
4. Do be truthful. You don’t want to make things worse by adding additional citations. For example, it is a crime to give a police officer a fake name.
5. Do seek legal advice ASAP if you are arrested or ticketed. Students at the U of M can contact University Student Legal Services for legal services that are free or at minimal charge. www.umn.edu/usls

**Don’t let the cops or unruly guests CRASH YOUR PARTY!**

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Misdemeanors
Up to a $1,000 fine and/or 90 days in jail.

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Student Neighborhood Liaisons
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www.scr.umn.edu

Office for Student Conduct and Academic Integrity
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SNAP—Student Network for Abuse Prevention
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