

# WYOMING LAWS<sup>1</sup>

## WYOMING TEENS

### Illegal Possession

Any person under the age of 21 who has any alcoholic beverage in his or her possession or who is under the influence of alcohol is guilty of a misdemeanor.<sup>1</sup>

### Falsification of Identity

Any person under the age of 21 who attempts in any manner to purchase alcoholic or malt beverages or who falsifies any identification or uses any false identification in order to obtain alcoholic or malt beverages is guilty of a misdemeanor.<sup>1</sup>

### Driving While Under the Influence (DUI) - Under 21

The legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) for persons under 21 is .02% as opposed to a BAC of .08% for those of legal age. A .02% BAC would result from consuming *any* alcohol.<sup>2</sup>

- On the first offense, minors will have their drivers licenses suspended, and will be required to pay a fine of up to \$750.
- The second offense is punishable by imprisonment for not more than one month, a fine of not more than \$750, or both.
- On the third or subsequent conviction within two years, a minor shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six months, a fine of not more than \$750, or both.
- The court may also order the person to undergo a substance abuse assessment and treatment as a condition of probation and deny driving privileges.

## WYOMING PARENTS

### Providing Alcohol to a Minor:

Any person who sells, furnishes, gives or causes to be sold, furnished or given away any alcoholic liquor or malt beverage to any person under the age of 21, who is not his legal ward, medical patient or member of his own immediate family, is guilty of a misdemeanor.<sup>1</sup>

### Social Hosting

No person who owns, rents, leases, subleases or has control of any residence or premises shall allow a house party to take place at the residence or premises if any alcoholic liquor, malt beverage or drug prohibited by law to be possessed by a minor is possessed or consumed at the residence or premises by any minor and the person knowingly permitted the residence or premises to be used for that purpose.<sup>3</sup> Any person violating this law is guilty of a misdemeanor.

## CONSEQUENCES OF A MISDEMEANOR

The consequences upon conviction for violating any of the misdemeanors listed above (everything listed above except for a DUI under 21) shall be imprisonment for up to six months, a fine of up to \$750, or both.

*“We must make people aware of serious health, social and academic risks associated with underage drinking. Children learn their behavior from adults and society so we must start with adults, or we won't make any difference with underage drinking. It's not a moral issue. It's a public health issue.”*

- First Lady, Nancy Freudenthal

Wyoming First Lady's Initiative to Reduce Underage Drinking

<sup>1</sup> Wyoming Statute 12-6-101.

<sup>2</sup> Wyoming Statute 31-5-234.

<sup>3</sup> Wyoming Statute 6-4-406.