

# PRE-PARTY PLANNING

*Consider these tips when planning your bash:*

## **Neighbors:**

- Whether you like them or not, we all have them. Talking to them before the party shows respect & increases the chances they'll call YOU instead of the police if there's a problem.
- Let them know the hours of your party - especially when the music will be turned down. Remember, in the "real world" Thursday is a week night. Be considerate of those whose schedules are different than yours.
- Invite them to come - chances are they won't, so don't worry too much.

## **Guest List:**

Who are you inviting? That cute guitar player from the local club might be fun, but his roadies may be more than bargained for. Only invite people you know & trust. Keep the size reasonable – 200+ people is NOT reasonable for your three bedroom house.

## **Home Security:**

Lock all rooms you don't want people going into, & secure your valuables. Not everyone has the same respect for your Star Wars collectibles.

## **RESPONSIBLE DRINKING**

This is a social gathering, not "Superbad." Be responsible with your alcohol consumption:

- \* Drink no more than one drink per hour & no more than three days a week.
- \* Designate a driver before the party starts.
- \* If you are a female, drink no more than four drinks per occasion & if you are a male, drink no more than five drinks per occasion

## **Standard drink sizes...**

Remember, one alcohol "drink" is one 12 oz. beer, one 5 oz. glass of wine, or one mixed drink that has only 1 shot of liquor.

# GET THE PARTY STARTED!

*The music is rockin' & your friends are rollin' in ... here are some hints to keep the night friendly & fun:*

1. Make food available to your guests – particularly if they are consuming alcohol. Foods, especially those high in protein, help moderate the effects of alcohol.
2. Have water & non-alcoholic beverages available all night. Show some love to those designated drivers & make all your guests feel welcome no matter what they drink.
3. Minors cannot legally drink in Texas unless they are in the visible presence of their parents or guardians. Serve a minor & you'll be the one without a license for 180 days, serving up to a year in jail, & paying a fine for up to \$4000. If alcohol is going to be at the party, all the guests should be 21 or over.
4. Don't encourage drinking games. They can get loud & dangerous. Beer pong is all fun & games until someone smashes your new flat screen TV.
5. Be a considerate host & keep an eye on your partygoers. Make sure behaviors are socially acceptable and don't leave guests who have over-imbibed alone. It's your party, you get to judge what is appropriate behavior for your guests.
6. Keep your guests indoors & off your neighbor's property. This includes blocking off the neighbor's driveway or parking in their yard. Remember – it's your party, not theirs.
7. Monitor the noise level. Noise is the #1 reason police are called out to a party. Keep the windows shut & music to reasonable levels to help prevent an unpleasant "disturbing the peace" citation.
8. Stop serving alcohol at least one hour before the party ends. Close out the night with some coffee & dessert. Although food & caffeine don't technically sober someone up, the time it takes them to consume them does.

**REMEMBER:** *You can be held accountable for the actions of your guests both while they are at the party and afterwards!*

# AFTER HOURS

As your peeps "peace out" & the party winds down, make sure to do the following...



Make sure all of your guests have a designated driver, arrange a safe ride home for them, or ask them to spend the night. As the host, you can be held liable for injuries caused by a guest who drives drunk.



Pick up all outside evidence before you hit the sack. You may think the beer cans & cups on the lawn can wait a day. However, your neighbor who's hosting the bridge club the next afternoon might disagree.



Check in with your neighbors a day or two after the party to make sure there weren't any problems. They'll appreciate the courtesy & be more likely to come to you directly with any concerns rather than call the cops.

## **ALCOHOL POISONING**

Symptoms:

- Unconscious/semiconscious, cannot be awakened
- Cold, clammy, pale, or bluish skin
- Breathing less than 8 times per minute, with ten seconds or more between breaths, irregular breathing
- Vomiting while "sleeping" or passed out, not waking up after vomiting
- If a person has any of these symptoms, he/she is suffering from acute alcohol intoxication. Get help!
- Know these signs! A person with alcohol poisoning **CANNOT SLEEP IT OFF!**

**Emergency Contact:**

**On-Campus TCU Police 817.257.7777**

**Off-Campus 911**