



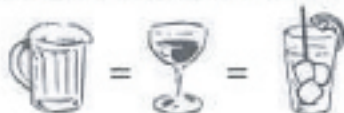
During "Undercover Operations", police officers pose as patrons or employees to help aid in the prevention of underage drinking.

Be Smart . . .
Think Before you Drink

Consuming even small amounts of alcohol dulls the senses, decreases reaction time and hampers judgement, vision and alertness.

Driving while under the influence of alcohol greatly increases your chances of being involved in a serious motor vehicle collision.

A Drink is a Drink is a Drink



Volume	12 oz.	5 oz.	1 1/3
Percent Alcohol	4.5%	11%	40%
Amount Alcohol	.54 oz.	.55 oz.	.53 oz.

Source: NHTSA



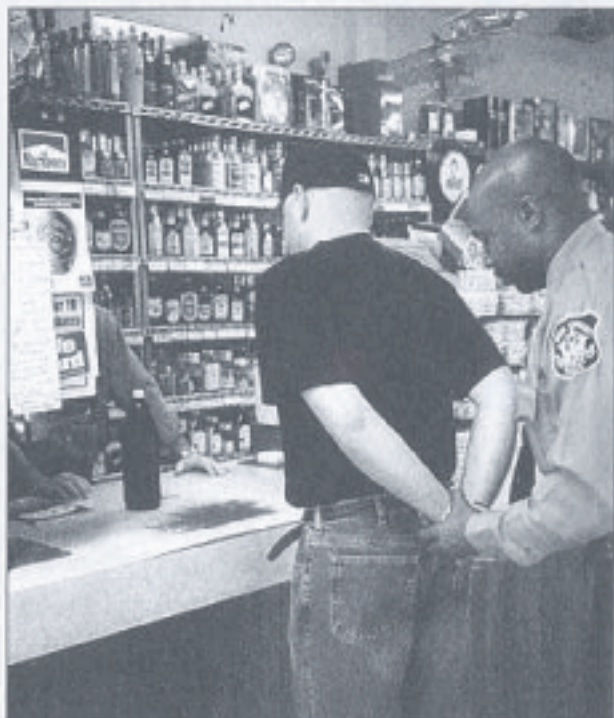
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Drinking. . .

If You're
 Under 21. . .

The Stakes
 Are High



This could be you!

Laws & Penalties:

In New Jersey, you must be 21 to purchase, possess or consume alcoholic beverages.

Underage drinking is illegal and can have severe consequences for young people who choose to drink alcohol.

On Private Property:

A municipality may also enact ordinances that prohibit a person under 21 to possess or consume alcoholic beverages on private property. The individual would be subject to a fine of \$250 for a first offense and \$350 for any subsequent offenses and loss or postponement of their driver's license for 6 months.

Drinking or Purchasing Alcohol in a Bar, Restaurant or Liquor Store:

Penalties for underage drinking and or purchasing alcohol in a restaurant, bar, liquor store or nightclub include:

- ♦ arrest for disorderly person,
- ♦ a minimum \$500 fine,
- ♦ loss or postponement of a driver's license for 6 months, and
- ♦ participation in an alcohol education or treatment program.

If an underage person misrepresents his or her age when attempting to buy alcoholic beverages, the individual would be subject to these same penalties.

About Drinking and Driving:

Driving while under the influence of alcohol greatly increases your chances of being involved in a serious motor vehicle collision. Current first offense penalties for underage individuals who drink any amount of alcohol (.01 BAC and above) and drive include:

- ♦ loss or postponement of a driver's license for 30 to 90 days,
- ♦ 15 to 30 days of community service,
- ♦ participation in a program of alcohol education and highway safety and
- ♦ other fines.

If the individual is found to have a BAC of between .08 and .10, that person would be subject to:

- ♦ \$250 to \$400 fine,
- ♦ imprisonment of up to 30 days,
- ♦ 3 month license suspension,
- ♦ a minimum of 6 hours a day for 2 days in an Intoxicated Driver Resource Center,
- ♦ Automobile insurance surcharge of \$1,000 a year, for 3 years,
- ♦ Motor Vehicle restoration fee of \$100,
- ♦ other fines



If the individual is found to have a BAC of .10 or above, that person be subject to:

- ♦ a \$300 to \$500 fine,
- ♦ 7 months to one year license suspension,
- ♦ a minimum of 6 hours a day for 2 days in an Intoxicated Driver Resource Center,
- ♦ Automobile insurance surcharge of \$1,000 a year, for 3 years,
- ♦ Motor Vehicle restoration fee of \$100 and
- ♦ other fines.

The court may also order installation of an interlock device. This device prevents a driver from operating a vehicle if alcohol is detected on the breath.

Physical Effects of Alcohol:

It's bad for your health!

Your Brain - Alcohol kills brain cells and depresses the central nervous system. This means that it impairs coordination, balance, concentration, reflexes, vision, reason and judgement.

Your Heart - Alcohol can overwork the heart, which can lead to high blood pressure and heart disease.

Your Liver - Excess alcohol invades the liver cells, which can lead to diseases such as cirrhosis and cancer.

Your Stomach - Alcohol can make a person sick to their stomach and cause ulcers.



Members of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) meet regularly throughout the state to discuss ways to combat underage drinking and driving.