

ALCOHOL OFFENSES



State of Maine

Illegal Possession

Title 28-A, Section 2051

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Penalties

1st offense: Fines of \$200 – \$400

2nd offense: Fines of \$300 – \$600

3rd offense: Fines of at least \$600

Juvenile offenses (under 18 years of age): Fines or community service at \$5.00 per hour equal to above penalties.

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Title 28-A, Section 2052

Minors may not transport liquor or permit liquor to be transported in a motor vehicle under the minor's control. (Civil Offense)

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1st offense: Fines up to \$500 + 30 days loss of license

2nd offense: Fines of \$200 – \$500 + 90 days loss of license

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Furnishing Liquor or Allowing Consumption Title 28-A, Section 2081

No person (including another minor) may furnish, give, sell or deliver liquor to a minor.
(Criminal Offense-Class D Crime)

Penalties

The court may impose fines up to \$2,000 and jail time up to 1 year. If the minor served is under 18 years of age, these are the minimum penalties:

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It is a Class C Felony offense if consumption of liquor by the minor causes serious bodily injury or death to the minor or any other individual.

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Furnishing a Place for Minors to Consume Title 28-A Section 2081

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