

Reduce the chance of high-risk drinking.

As a host, you could be liable for someone else's poor judgment.

- Plan to be sober.** Be a responsible host. Limiting your own drinking will allow you to better determine if a guest is sober enough to drive at the end of the night.
- Don't serve alcohol to minors.** The legal drinking age is 21 and, as a host, you could be charged with furnishing violations if you allow minors to drink. Keep in mind: a minor can be considered in possession of alcohol if it's within arm's reach.
- Provide plenty of non-alcoholic beverage options** for guests who are underage, who choose not to drink or who look like they are drinking too much too quickly.
- Offer guests plenty to eat,** because food delays the body's absorption of alcohol.



- Have designated drivers** who can escort folks home.
- Plan ahead to get keys from all of your guests.** You should be the only person who can return keys to guests at the end of the night. This way, you can assess all of your guests before they leave.
- Stop serving alcohol at least one hour before folks start leaving.** Think of this as last call, and serve only coffee, tea and other non-alcoholic beverages as the evening comes to a close.
- Have a phone number for a cab company handy.** Post this number in a visible place, or offer it to guests who you think may be intoxicated.

Thanks to State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission for these responsible-party-hosting tips.
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dleg/Responsible_Party_Host_Tips_304285_7.pdf