



# SUFFOLK COUNTY'S SOCIAL HOST LAW

## What is the Social Host Law?

- The primary purpose of the Social Host Law is to deter underage drinking parties or gatherings where adults knowingly allow minors to drink alcohol or alcoholic beverages, whether or not they provide the alcohol.
- If you find out about a party where underage drinking will be occurring, call our CANCEL THE KEG hotline! An officer will visit the location where the party is to take place and warn any adults present that the SCPD is aware of the party and will be holding violators accountable.

## What are the penalties?

- **First offense:** Any person over the age of 18 who violates the law shall be guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.
- **Second and subsequent offenses:** Any person who violates the law shall be guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, a term of imprisonment not to exceed one year, or both.

**CANCEL THE KEG  
631-852-KEGS (5347)**



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