

Curfew

Curfew for minors (under the age of 18) is midnight to 4:30 a.m. The presence of an adult is no defense to a violation of the law. Accompaniment of a minor out after hours must be by parent or guardian or one vested with parental authority by law.

Permitting A Minor to Violate the Curfew Law

Parents/guardians who permit minors to violate the curfew law may be charged with neglect. Parents can be sued for giving alcohol to anyone under 21 years of age who, in turn, hurt someone or damage property.

Driving

No minor who has held a probationary driver's license for less than 12 months shall operate a motor vehicle between the hours of midnight to 6 a.m. and no minor who has held a probationary driver's license for 12 months or longer shall operate a motor vehicle between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m., unless the driver is accompanied by a parent or guardian or the minor is traveling to or from work, an official school function or an official religious event and is carrying the required documentation.

Liability of Parents for Destructive Acts or Theft by Their Children

Parents/guardians may be liable for the destructive act or act of theft by their children in an amount up to \$10,000.

Wrongful Influence

Any person who aids, abets, influences or encourages any child under the age of 18 years of age to violate any law may be charged with wrongful influence of a minor.

Unruly Child

Parents of a child who frequently runs away, does not attend school, and/or does not obey the rules of the home, can find help by contacting:

Franklin County Family Assessment Department

373 South High Street, 4th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215614-525-4460

important numbers

EMERGENCY: 9-1-1

Police Non-emergency: 614-277-1710

Crime Prevention: 614-277-1765

Anonymous Tipline: 614-277-1808

Detective Bureau/Narcotics: 614-277-1750

crime map



Find your neighborhood's criminal activity on the Crime Mapping tool at Police.GroveCityOhio.gov.

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State Law on Drinking Age

For the purpose of alcohol consumption, a minor is defined as a person under the age of 18 years and an “underage person” is defined as anyone under 21 years of age.

The Facts About Underage Drinking

A driver under 21 with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of at least .02% but less than .08% can be charged with underage drinking and driving. A person convicted of operating a vehicle after underage consumption (OVI) may receive the following penalties:

- A license suspension ranging from 90 days up to two years.
- No fewer than four points will be assessed to the offender’s driving record.

Using a Fake ID

A person under the age of 21 convicted of presenting a false, fictitious or altered ID or driver’s license when purchasing beer or liquor will receive the following penalties:

- First Offense: Mandatory fine of \$250-\$1,000 and jail time up to six months.
- Second Offense: Mandatory fine of \$500-\$1,000 and jail time up to six months and possible license suspension of up to one year.

Possession

No underage person shall knowingly order, pay for, share the cost of, attempt to purchase, possess or consume any beer or intoxicating liquor in any public or private place. Additionally, no underage person shall knowingly be under the influence of any beer or intoxicating liquor in any public place.

This shall not apply if the underage person is supervised by a parent or spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian, or the beer or intoxicating liquor is given by a physician in the regular line of the physician’s practice or given for established religious purposes.



Purchasing

No underage person shall purchase beer or intoxicating liquor.

Furnishing Alcohol to an Underage Person

No person shall buy for, sell or furnish beer or intoxicating liquor to a minor.

Permitting A Minor to Violate the Alcohol Law

No parent or legal guardian shall knowingly permit violations of the provisions listed in this pamphlet.

Allowing Underage Persons to Drink at Your Residence

No owner or occupant of any property located within the City of Grove City shall knowingly allow any underage person to remain on such property while consuming intoxicating liquor or beer, unless it is given by a parent/guardian, and that parent/guardian is present at the time of possession and consumption.

Minor Alcohol Consumption in Connection with Hotel Accommodations

No person shall engage accommodations at a hotel, motel, inn, campground or other hostelry under circumstances in which he/she knows or has reason to know that intoxicating liquor, beer or drugs of abuse will be used by underage persons on the premises. The only defense of this section in which alcohol is involved is if the person who engaged such accommodations is the parent/guardian of ALL such underage persons.

What Parents Should Know

Parents cannot give alcohol to friends of their children under 21 years of age under any circumstances, including in their own home, even with the other parents’ permission.

Prevention Is the Key

- Talk to your children about alcohol and the law.
- Be at home when your children have a party and don’t provide alcohol or allow drinking.
- Call the Grove City Division of Police at 614-277-1710 if you know of underage persons consuming alcohol.
- To report anyone selling alcohol to persons under 21 years of age, call the Ohio Investigative Unit’s Columbus Enforcement Office under the Department of Public Safety at 1-877-4MINORS or 614-644-2413; or the Grove City Division of Police at 614-277-1710.
- **REMEMBER: Mile for mile, teenagers are involved in three times as many fatal crashes as all other drivers.**

CAR CRASHES ARE THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR TEENAGERS. UNDERAGE DRINKING AND DRIVING IS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTING FACTOR.

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

