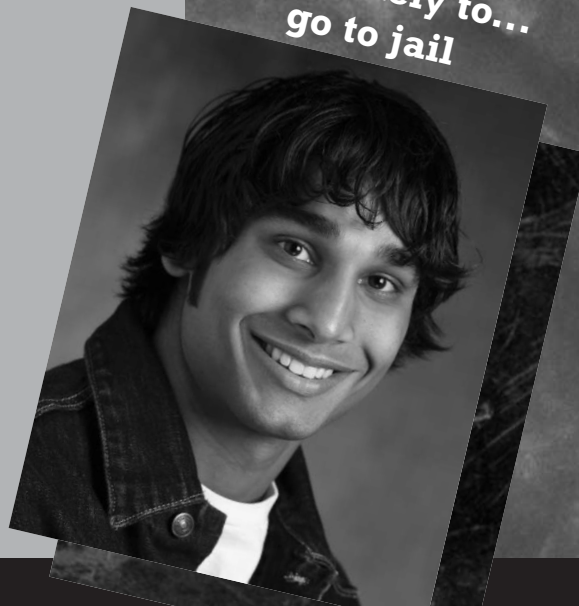


Underage drinking is dangerous. Alcohol kills more young people than cocaine, heroin and all other illegal drugs combined.* Not only is it physically harmful, it's also against the law. Delaware takes underage drinking violations very seriously, and so should you—the penalties for violating underage drinking laws will cost you.

* Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD): Myths About Alcohol for Teens

*Most likely to...
go to jail*

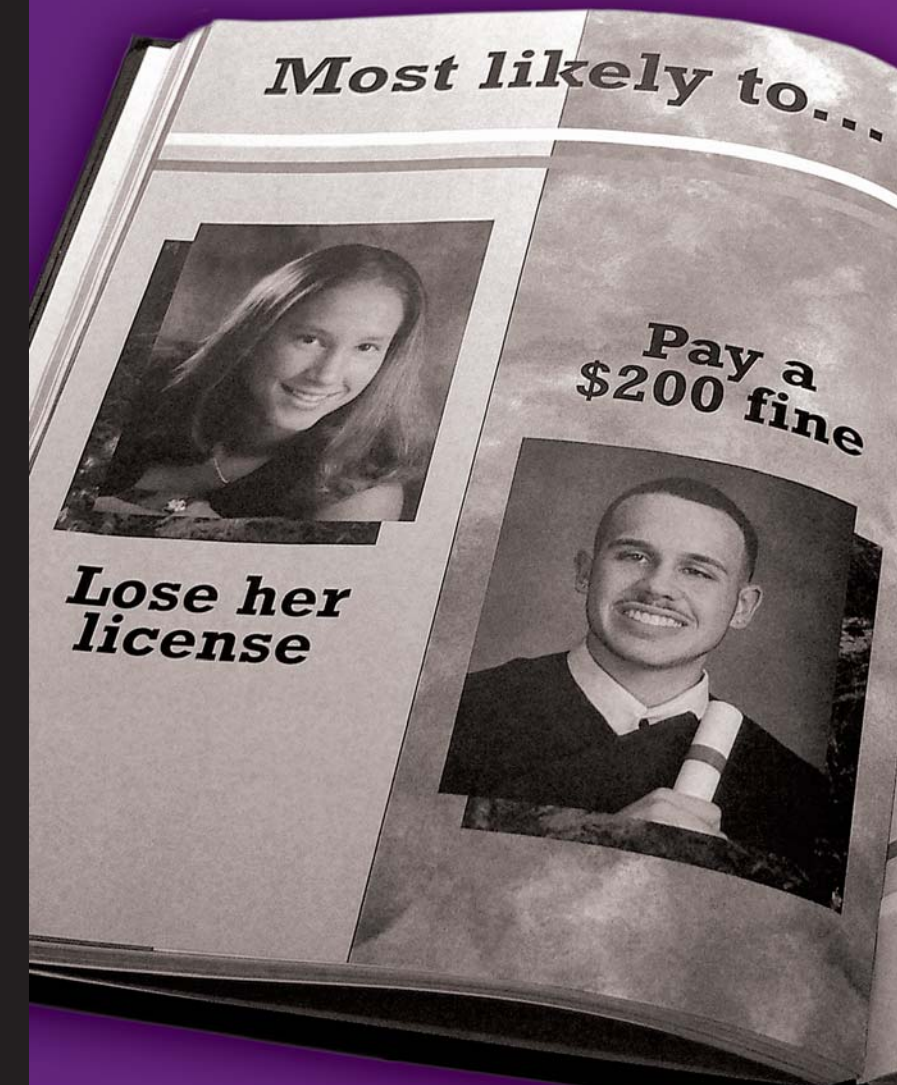


Cops in Shops

The State of Delaware has **COPS IN SHOPS** watching you. They're looking for underage buying and drinking, and being underage in a bar or liquor store can get you arrested. If you're caught violating underage drinking laws, you could:

- **be fined**
- **lose your driver's license**
- **lose your car insurance**
- **go to jail**

For more complete information on Delaware's alcohol-related laws, to report alcohol-related offenses or to report any underage drinking problems, call the Cops in Shops Hotline: **1-800-EYES-EARS.**



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Laws & Penalties

Underage Drinking

Anyone under age 21 possessing, consuming or found having consumed alcohol

- Loss of license for 1 month or \$100 fine if unlicensed

Using False ID

Anyone who misrepresents themselves, makes up a false statement or uses false identification to obtain alcohol

- \$500 fine or 30 days in jail

Entering Bars or Package Stores Underage

Anyone under age 21 entering or remaining in a bar or liquor store

- \$50 fine

Providing a Minor with Alcohol

Anyone who sells to, delivers to or purchases alcohol for anyone under age 21

- Up to \$500 fine and 40 hours of community service
- Parents who host parties for minors may also be held liable in civil court

Underage DUI— The Zero Tolerance Law

Anyone under age 21 who operates any vehicle while consuming or having consumed any amount of alcohol will be arrested.

- For first offense, loss of license for two months, or \$200 fine if unlicensed
- A minor under age 18 with a blood alcohol content over .08 loses license until age 21
- A minor age 18–21 with blood alcohol content over .08 is treated like an adult and will lose his or her license for one year



If you are arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs in Delaware:

- Impaired driving is a criminal offense. You must appear in court, which is time-consuming and embarrassing, and you will have a police record.
- The officer will take your license at the time of arrest.
- You will be arrested, handcuffed, taken to a police station and fingerprinted.
- You will be required to complete an alcohol treatment program with a fee of \$600.
- You will have to pay for attorney fees and court costs. And it will cost you an additional \$143.75 to get your license reinstated.

Alcohol is a depressant that slows the body's functions. Even after just one drink, alcohol impairs your judgment, vision, hearing, coordination and reaction time. Regular consumption of alcohol causes serious damage to your body, especially to your vital organs, and can also lead to depression and alcoholism. It takes a teenager only six months to two years to become an alcoholic.



Brain

Alcohol deprives your brain cells of oxygen, which can cause memory lapses and even unconsciousness. As a teenager, your brain is in the prime of its development. Consuming alcohol affects this development and can result in permanent brain damage.

Heart

Alcohol increases the workload of the heart and weakens the muscle, which can lead to heart attacks, high blood pressure and stroke.

Liver

The liver is the organ that processes alcohol. Excess drinking poisons the liver, causing extensive damage and diseases like fatty liver, hepatitis and cirrhosis.

Stomach

Alcohol irritates the digestive system, causing vomiting and ulcers. It can also lead to severe digestive disorders and cancer.

Binge drinking (consuming 5+ drinks in a sitting) puts you at risk for alcohol poisoning and death.