

KEGGERS & CONSEQUENCES

HOUSE PARTIES AND THE LAW

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

1. If you sell tickets or take money for anything connected to a kegger (like “complimentary” cups, T-Shirts, entertainment, etc.) then by law you are selling alcohol:

- a. It is against the law to sell alcohol without a licence or a special occasion permit.
- b. Keggers will not qualify for licence or permits.
- c. It is also against the law to buy alcohol from a person who has no licence or permit.

2. It is against the law to serve alcohol to an intoxicated person or to a person under 19 years of age.

3. It is against the law to drink alcohol if you are under 19 years of age except in a private home with a parent or guardian.

4. It is against the law to drink alcohol or be intoxicated in a public place such as in the road or on the sidewalk.

5. It is against the law to create disturbances and bother neighbours.

BEWARE OF CONSEQUENCES

1. If you live where a house party is held and you consent even by attending or supporting it then by law you are hosting it.

2. Police can and will raid a kegger and seize kegger equipment and alcohol. Seized items are forfeited. If you host a kegger you are responsible for any costs associated with forfeiture.

3. If you host a kegger you can be charged for:

- a. Selling alcohol without a licence or permit, or
- b. Selling alcohol to an intoxicated guest or a guest under 19 years of age.

4. If you are a guest at a house party or kegger you can be charged for breaking the law by:

- a. Buying alcohol from a person who has no licence or permit
- b. Drinking alcohol if you are under 19 years of age, or
- c. Drinking alcohol or being intoxicated in a public place if you are in the road or the sidewalk.

5. If you are charged under Kingston’s NUISANCE PARTY BY-LAW, you cannot pay the fine online or by mail, and will be summonsed to appear at PROVINCIAL OFFENCES COURT. As a public record, Queen’s University will have access to this information and could subject you to nonacademic misconduct proceedings.

6. Whether you are the host or a guest at a house party or kegger, if you are convicted of breaking the law you can face significant fines.

7. House parties and keggers can lead to lawsuits if someone is hurt or property is damaged. Students found legally responsible can face significant debt.

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