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### Social Host Drinking Laws Involving Minors: What Parents Need to Know



As we head toward the end of the school year it's a time when teenagers start to think about graduation and celebrations. Sometimes this takes the form of house parties where alcohol is consumed by minors under the age of 21. While parents can permit their children to drink, they may not permit other minors to drink. It would therefore be illegal to host a party, invite other minors and serve them alcohol. Let's imagine the following scenario:

*Your teen hosts a party at your house where Joe, who is 16, consumes alcohol. As Joe is driving home from the party, he hits another motor vehicle, causing an accident.*

Are you, as the parent of the hosting teen liable for damages?

The answer to that question will depend on a few things. According to Georgia Code section 51-1-40, the adult hosts of a party where underage drinking has occurred may be held liable for civil damages if all of the following are true:

- Alcohol was knowingly served to the negligent minor driver under the age of 21 by the social host.
- The social host knew that the intoxicated minor was going to be driving home soon after serving him the alcohol.
- The intoxicated minor caused damages or injuries.

If the above criteria apply then the custodial parent(s) of the underage child involved in the drunk driving accident would have the right to take action against the adult hosts of the party.

There are limitations to this law, however. The parents would not be liable if those who drank on their property did so without the adult host's consent. So, if your teen threw a party at your home and you were unaware, it is unlikely that you would be found liable.

Each situation has its unique circumstances, however. It's best to talk to an experienced attorney if you are involved in a case of this sort.

### 6 Ways to Protect Yourself on Vacation



There's no doubt about it. After this past year, we all need a vacation! However, nothing kills that relaxing feeling quicker than unanticipated problems that can result in damage to your belongings or harm to you or your family. Below are six tips to help ensure a beautiful and restful trip.

1. **Safeguard your home.** Make sure your home doesn't have that "nobody's here" look. Ask a friend to take in your mail and newspapers. Consider setting a few lights on timers to go on at night. Avoid posting pictures that show you hundreds of miles away.
2. **Choose the simplest route.** Missed connecting flights, lost luggage, and unplanned hotel stays or alternative transportation are more likely the more complicated your travel plans.
3. **Don't put anything in checked luggage that you'd be really sorry to lose.** Keep all valuables, prescriptions, identification, money, and photos in your carry-on. You can always buy new clothes at your destination.
4. **Read the fine print.** Be sure you understand exactly what is and isn't included in your vacation package. Do your homework and make sure the place you are planning to stay is legitimate and has reviews you can verify.
5. **Stay healthy!** Find out ahead of time if your destination has any health concerns such as safe drinking water or virus-carrying mosquitos. Avoid foods from questionable vendors or with lots of ingredients foreign to your stomach. Pack extra of your prescription medications in case you're delayed as well as the basics like cold medicine, pain and fever reliever, and anti-diarrhea medication.
6. **Purchase trip insurance.** This is especially important if your trip involves airfare and luxury accommodations. Between the pandemic and other uncertainties, it's best to at least know you won't lose your money as well as your vacation if something unforeseen occurs before you leave or at your destination.

A few precautionary measures will go a long way to ensure that your vacation is all that you've been hoping for.

Safe and happy travels!

If you or a family member has been injured in an [auto accident](#), [truck accident](#), [motorcycle accident](#), [slip and fall](#), or by any other type of personal injury, or if you have been denied [Workers' Compensation](#), it's important to get an attorney experienced in these types of cases involved immediately. Call 470-558-0318 for your initial free consultation. [Adamson & Cleveland, LLC, injury attorneys in Georgia](#), can help you determine whether you need a lawyer for an accident or any personal injury case.

### What are the first five things I should do immediately following an accident?



### Recipe of the Month Garden Risotto



Enjoy the fresh flavors of spring with this vegetable packed risotto. This is a perfect dish for your next meatless Monday!

#### Ingredients

- 6 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 1/2 cups Arborio rice
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 3 lightly packed cups baby spinach leaves
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 1/2 pound asparagus, steamed and cut into 3/4-inch pieces
- 1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan

#### Directions

1. Bring the broth to a simmer in a medium saucepan. Heat the oil in a heavy saucepan over moderately low heat and cook the onion, stirring occasionally, until soft, 3 to 5 minutes. Add the rice and cook, stirring constantly, 1 minute. Add wine and simmer, stirring constantly, until absorbed, about 1 minute. Add 3/4 cup of the hot broth, the salt and a few grinds of fresh pepper and simmer, stirring constantly, until broth is absorbed. Continue simmering and adding hot broth, about 3/4 cup at a time, stirring constantly and allowing the broth to be absorbed before adding more, until rice is almost tender and creamy, about 18 minutes.
2. Add the spinach and peas and cook until the spinach is wilted. Add the asparagus and cook just until the vegetables are hot. Stir in the Parmesan and more broth if the risotto seems too thick. Serve in soup plates.

Recipe courtesy of Ellie Krieger



### What's Happening in & Around Norcross & Athens

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused many large events to be cancelled or postponed. To ensure public safety, we would like to encourage you to enjoy some socially distant activities in your area.

[Abnormal Bazaar](#)

[Pop-Up Artist Market](#)

[Authentic Brewing Company – Jazz Nights](#)

[Alice H. Richards Children's Garden](#)

[Athens Farmers Market](#)

[Appalachian Trail Rides](#)

[Starlight Drive-In Theatre](#)

[Northside Trail](#)

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