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TIPS FOR SAFE HOLIDAY PARTIES

Want to host a great party for the Holidays? Make sure you know your responsibilities as a host before you pop the cork on the Champaign or ask your buddy to bartend.

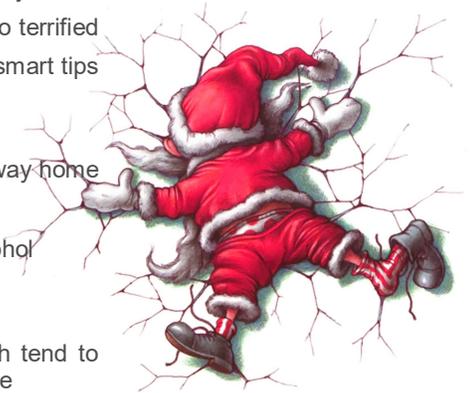
Hosts of social functions have legal responsibilities and knowing them could mean the difference between a holly jolly or a very blue holiday. If you are a social host and you provide alcohol to intoxicated or underage guests, you could be liable for any damages or injuries they cause.

According to Attorney David Bass of Bass & Bass Attorneys in Carthage, TN, if a social host serves alcohol to an adult guest who is obviously intoxicated and that person causes injuries or damage, the person who was injured can sue the host. In addition, hosts can be criminally charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor for knowingly serving alcohol to or buying alcohol for a minor. As a matter of fact, the holidays are especially prone to tragic accidents. According to the Nation Highway Traffic Safety Administration, during the holidays 2-3 times more people die in alcohol-related crashes and 40% of traffic fatalities involve a driver

who is impaired by alcohol (Traffic Safety Facts, 2007). On the other hand don't be too terrified to tango this season, just keep these smart tips from madd.org in mind:

1. Confirm that guests have a safe way home as they RSVP
2. Plan games that don't involve alcohol
3. Don't push drinks
4. Avoid serving salty snacks, which tend to make people thirsty and drink more
5. Offer non-alcoholic or "mocktails" for non-drinking designated drivers
6. Never serve alcohol to someone under 21 and never ask anyone under 21 to serve alcohol at parties
7. If your guest is impaired, never let them drive.
8. Have the number of a taxi service available or offer your couch.
9. Be the example, stay within your limits so your guests stay within theirs.

Make sure your party makes headlines for all the right reasons. Have a wonderful holiday season from the Smith County Drug Prevention Coalition.



2015 should go out with bang but not a crash...don't drink and drive

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