

While some people may think it is responsible to supervise teens and young people under the age of 21 to drink alcohol. The Washington State Legislature does not agree and has made such supervision a crime.

Thus, if adults allow a party where alcohol is available to people under age 21, they are violating the law. *RCW 66.44.270*

In Washington State, providing alcohol to a minor (under 21) is a gross-misdemeanor. It could cost you \$5000 and a year in jail. That is on top of paying court fees, probation and affects to your employment.



Responsible retailer participating in Project Sticker Shock.



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Helping Empower Action, Leadership, Teamwork and Health in our Youth

Project Sticker Shock



Where did those red stickers come from?



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The Facts

Did you know that alcohol is the most widely abused substance among youth in the United States? Underage drinking is dangerous because it negatively impacts brain development and increases the risk of physical and sexual assault, legal problems, other drug abuse, heavy drinking later in life, and suicide and homicide.

According to the 2018 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, the majority of underage drinkers (72%) did not pay for alcohol the last time they drank and the most common source of alcohol (23%) for these youth was an unrelated person aged 21 or older.



Coalition Representatives Fall 2018 Sticker Shock

Giving alcohol to youth is considered social providing. Underage drinkers purchasing the alcohol themselves with the use of a fake ID is considered a minor in possession.

The Goals

Project Sticker Shock aims to prevent underage youth from obtaining alcohol from adults 21 or older or using a fake ID to purchase alcohol by raising community awareness about Washington laws.



Coalition Student Representatives Fall 2020 Sticker Shock

During an event, participants place stickers and window clings that warn about the legal consequences for providing alcohol to underage youth and using a fake ID to purchase alcohol on cases and coolers of alcohol at local retailers.

This program
encourages
partnership between
community
organizations, youth,
retail establishments,
law enforcement,
media, and other
community members.



Coalition student volunteers Winter 2019 Sticker Shock

The Consequences

Both adults and minors can be charged when minors drink alcohol:

- Furnishing Liquor (Social Providing/Social Hosting)
- Minor in Possession (MIP)
- Minor in Consumption (MIC)

In Washington, these offenses are gross-misdemeanors and are punishable by fines of up \$5,000 and up to one year in jail.



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