Office of Wellness & Prevention Services

so, you’re throwing a party

As the party Thrower, you can prepare before your guests arrive.

- Designate sober hosts to monitor the party.
- Protect the house from damages and lock all rooms to prevent theft.
- Make a guest list and avoid open invitations on social media.
- Don’t serve “jungle juice” or other drinks in open containers.

During the party take safety precautions to help you and your guests.

- Serve water, non-alcoholic drinks and food.
- Check IDs and mark hands of guests under 21.
- Have activities other than drinking games.
- Watch out for your guests, say something if you’re uncomfortable.

You are responsible for your guests, try to be considerate of your neighbors too.

- Keep guests and drinks inside the party.
- Avoid sleeping, urinating, or vomiting in public.
- Pay attention to noise levels.
- Know the signs of alcohol poisoning. Call 911 if someone appears overly intoxicated.

What is “social host liability”?
As a party host you are responsible for all injuries that may occur during the party, for “cutting off” intoxicated guests, and enforcing State & University rules & regulations. Remember that buying alcohol for a minor can lead to arrest, 6 months jail time, or a $2,000 fine. Also, be aware that you need a license to sell alcohol in Boston.