



### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Statistics

Underage alcohol use remains a pervasive and persistent problem with serious health and safety consequences. Deeply embedded in American culture, underage drinking is still viewed by many as a rite of passage into adulthood.

Underage drinking is a leading contributor to death from injuries, which are the main cause of death for people under age 21. Each year, approximately 5,000 persons under the age of 21 die from causes related to underage drinking. These deaths include about 1,600 homicides and 300 suicides.

The most recent National Survey on Drug Use and Health estimates there are 10.1 million underage drinkers in the United States. According to the 2008 Monitoring the Future Study, 39% of current 8th graders, 58% of 10th graders, 72% of 12th graders, and 85% of college students have tried alcohol.

## Who We Are

The prime function of the Ridgefield Police Department is to protect life, liberty and property, to preserve the peace and public order, to prevent and repress crime, to detect violations of Law and to apprehend violators and prosecute those apprehended.

## Contact Us

Phone: (203) 438-6531 General Information / Report an Incident / Request Assistance / Make a Complaint - 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Records Department (you may also leave a Voice Mail message in off-hours): (203) 431-2791 - Monday - Friday: 8 am to 3:30 pm.

Anonymous Tip Hotline (confidential) (203) 431-2345

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### RIDGEFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BY MINORS (UNDER AGE 21)

A guide to Connecticut's underage Drinking Laws

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Summary	Statute	Penalty
<b>Possession of Alcohol by Minors (Under age 21)</b>		
Prohibits possession of alcohol by a minor on any public street or highway.	§30-89(b)(1)	1st offense: an infraction \$136.00; Subsequent offenses: fine between \$200 and \$500;  60-day license suspension;  If not licensed, 150-day delay in obtaining a license;
Prohibits possession of alcohol by a minor in any other public or private location.	§30-89(b)(2)	1st offense: an infraction \$136.00; Subsequent offenses: fine between \$200 and \$500;  30-day license suspension;  If not licensed, 150-day delay in obtaining a license;
<b>Sale or Provision of Alcohol to Minors (Under age 21)</b>		
Prohibits a permittee or agent of permittee from selling or delivering alcohol to a minor.	§30-86(b)(1)	Up to a \$1,000 fine or up to one-year in jail or both; (Class A misdemeanor)
Prohibits the sale or delivery of alcohol to a minor by any person, including Internet sales.	§30-86(b)(2)	Up to a \$3,500 fine or up to 18 months in jail or both; (Class E felony)
Prohibits any person who possesses or has control over any dwelling unit or private property from permitting a minor to possess alcohol.	§30-89a(a)(1)	Class A misdemeanor; Up to 1 year in jail and up to a \$2,000 fine or both;
Requires any person who possesses or has control over any dwelling unit or private property to make reasonable efforts to halt the possession of alcohol by a minor on such property.	§30-89a(a)(2)	Class A misdemeanor; Up to 1 year in jail and up to a \$2,000 fine or both;