PARTY SMART

• CHECK FIRST! Having parties could violate your lease. Check with your landlord first
• SOBER HOST! Agree on a sober party host to monitor and respond to complaints
• MAKE IT KNOWN! Tell the neighbors and exchange Sober Host’s cell in case there is a problem
• SET HOUSE RULES! For example, only Sober Host and house residents will let guests in & talk to police and neighbors, use one door for entrance and exit, guests will come and go peacefully, park legally, no smoking inside
• KEEP IT INSIDE! Crowds gathering on your porch/ lawn could cause noise complaints/police attention
• DJ NO WAY! You will pay the noise ticket and deal with the crowds they attract to your party
• UNDER 21 NO FUN! Even if they bring their own alcohol to the party, you can be held liable for serving underage people
• KEEP TRACK! Know who’s in your place, lock or hide valuables, check IDs, have a guest list
• GET THEM HOME SAFELY! Have Uber, cabs, bus and SaferRide App ready to assist
• SKIP THE GAMES! Getting drunk fast rarely ends well
• CLEAN IT UP! Don’t wait till daylight to clean up outside. Leave no trace
• GET MONEY BACK! Property damage from your party will eat up your security deposit fast
• KNOW THE LIQUOR LAWS! Flip this over and study up!

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OFF CAMPUS STUDENT SERVICES
Housing and Community Resources www.umocss.org
Off Campus Student Center www.umass.edu/offcampus
UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY STANDARDS

Remember the UMass Amherst Code of Student Conduct (CSC) applies both on and off campus. In addition to other penalties, any of these violations may result in CSC sanctions.

MASSACHUSETTS STATE LAWS

• Minor in Possession of Alcohol Under 21: You could be arrested, jailed, and fined.
• Underage Driver Transporting Alcohol: Under 21 and driving a vehicle carrying alcohol means you could lose your license and be fined.
• Failure to Disperse: If police order you to leave, do it immediately or you could be arrested.
• Providing to Minors: Selling or providing alcohol to someone under 21 can result in criminal charges.
• OUI: If arrested for operating under the influence, your license will be suspended. An arrest can result in loss of license, fines, and higher insurance rates.
• Public Urination: Urinate in public, and you can be charged with indecent exposure.

LOCAL TOWN BYLAWS (AMHERST AND HADLEY)

These bylaw violations carry a $300 fine and/or arrest.

• Noise: Excessive noise that disturbs others is illegal. This includes loud music and yelling.
• Open Containers: Open containers of alcohol on public property are against the law at any age.
• Kegs: It’s illegal to have a keg without a permit. Get these through your local police department.
• Nuisance House: Throwing a rowdy off campus party can result in fines and loss of your housing.