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If You're Not 21, Don't Go On The Beer Run

Be aware of undercover liquor control agents who lurk at carry-outs and liquor stores or wait in cars across the street. They may look like other students – male and female – but they are looking for people committing alcohol violations.

If you are under the age of 21, you cannot possess, consume, or share in the cost of alcohol. Undercover liquor control will cite you if they have reason to believe you have committed any of these offenses. The best choice is simple – just don't go on the beer run. If you do, and you are approached by liquor control, don't answer any questions other than your name and address.

- 1 Don't pass the money between each other in public**, especially in front of a carry-out or liquor stores and especially before, or after, one of you has gone inside to purchase alcohol while others wait outside or in the car. Passing money between each other provides the undercover agent with suspicion that you're breaking the law.
- 2 Don't hand off or take the alcohol from someone after they leave the carry-out or store.** Underage possession of alcohol is illegal. If an undercover liquor agent sees this happen, they may follow you.
- 3** Once the purchaser returns to the car, **do not drop them off and keep the alcohol in the car.** Undercover agents may have followed you from the carry-out and can charge anyone in the car with possession of the alcohol.
- 4 If you have been stopped by liquor control agents, remember that you have the right to remain silent.** They may stop you, separate you from each other, and threaten to take you to jail unless one of you admits that someone bought alcohol for underage friends. You can be cited with a crime even if you do not admit to it. Just remember that receiving a citation does not mean you will be convicted.
- 5 Don't lie, but no one should admit anything.** Give officers your name, address, and some form of identification that has your picture on it, such as your student I.D. You do not have to give them any identification that shows your age. Anything you say may be used against you, but you do not have to answer questions without an attorney present.

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