Important Contact Numbers

ON-Campus:
EMERGENCY/BEMCo 781-736-3333
Public Safety 781-736-5000
Health Services 781-736-3677
Mailman (PCC) 781-736-3730
POISON CONTROL 617-232-2121
800-682-9211
BranVan 781-736-4999
Other

OFF-Campus:
EMERGENCY 911
Waltham Police 781-314-3600
NW Hospital ER 617-243-6193
POISON CONTROL 617-232-2121
800-682-9211
BranVan 781-736-4999
Checker Cab 781-647-8294
Green Cab 781-308-8999
Other

Safe Hosting Guide

Brandeis University
The Health Center has an Alcohol and Other Drug Counselor available to meet confidentially by appointment.

Contact 781-736-3677 or Lauren Grover at 781-736-3677, lgrover@brandies.edu to schedule an appointment.

For more information, visit our web site at www.brandeis.edu/health

- Place the grill on a level surface away from low hanging trees, deck railings, siding or any combustible materials.

- Keep a fire extinguisher within reach.

- Use long handled barbecue tools and flame retardant mitts.

- Do not wear loose clothing.

- NEVER leave children or pets unattended near a hot grill. Don’t forget to change your smoke detector batteries annually.

9. A Special Note to Guests:

Be respectful of your fellow students. Do not put them in a risky situation by showing up to their party after pregaming, intoxicated, or expecting them to serve you if you are underage. Also do not show up if you are uninvited. It is unfair to the party hosts and risky for all. Respect the hosts, their home, and your campus. If you are asked to leave, do so calmly and respectfully.

Remember, you are a GUEST!
8. Cooking and Fire Safety

On Campus Fire Safety Standards:

- Aside from microwave ovens, cooking equipment of any kind is NOT allowed in individual student rooms or lounges (R&R 9.3).

- Open or Enclosed flames are prohibited including burning of incense (R&R 9.4).

- Tampering with Smoke detectors or the sprinkling equipment is unsafe and subject to a fine (R&R 9.5).

Off Campus:
The following are some tips for grilling, a fun outdoor group activity that could go wrong quickly if you do not take the proper precautions. Follow the following guidelines for a fun and safe cookout:

- Liquid Propane Grills are not permitted inside or on balconies above the first floor of any apartment building.

- Keep the grill in an open area away from buildings, dry leaves or brush. Be aware of the wind blowing sparks.

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Introduction

College is full of important choices—Which classes should I take this semester? Will I have the time for a job? How many clubs and activities will I join? Will this look good on my resume? -- While these decisions are crucial and have everything to do with why you are here at Brandeis, you will also be faced with a different set of choices, such as how best to take care of yourself. Your physical and emotional well-being while in school are vital. Social choices play a large role in your physical and mental health.

The purpose of this guide is to equip you with the information necessary to make informed and responsible choices when it comes to hosting or attending a social event or party. Specifically discussed is “social host liability.”

Social host liability goes beyond not serving to minors and not letting folks drink and drive. According to the law, being a host means you assume responsibility for the safety and well-being of all your guests. As a host, you are expected to take

- **Make sure your guests are okay**: As host, you're responsible for a guest's actions even after they leave your home, as outlined in the Social Host Liability Law.

- **Keep control**. If your name is on the lease, you will be held legally responsible if something goes wrong. Do not allow the party to get out of control or you could face the consequences.

- **Collect Car Keys**. Don’t let anyone get behind the wheel if they are intoxicated! Offer to call a cab or arrange a ride.

- **Offer sleeping arrangements**. Notify your guests to bring a sleeping bag and pillow if they are planning to drink more than is legal to drive.

**Think About It**

Having a safe and responsible party is about being smart. Remember that whether you live on or off-campus your actions affect your neighbors be they other students, CA’s, CDC’s or individuals and families in the community. Be courteous and be responsible.
7. Being Socially Responsible

Socializing is an important part of college life. However, when that results in loud parties and intoxicated students, Brandeis students become undesirable members of the community.

Being Socially Responsible on AND off campus is one way for students to keep good relations between their neighbors and the university.

If you plan to host a party, keep these things in mind before inviting everyone you know:

- **Be respectful.** Whether your neighbors live next door or across the street, a loud party affects those around you.

- **Keep the noise down.** Walk outside from time to time and observe the noise level.

- **Inform your neighbors in advance.** Offer them your phone number so they can call you to complain about the noise before they call the police.

- **Be a sober host.** Sober hosts can prevent a lot of things from getting out of control, such as noise levels and over-intoxication.

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all reasonable steps possible to reduce harm or injury to others. In respect to alcohol, reasonable efforts include preventing underage consumption, preventing intoxication, and intervening when intoxication occurs. Whether you throw a theme party or invite people over to watch a game, legally you could be held responsible if your guests become intoxicated, harm themselves, harm someone else, or damage property, even after they leave your party. Lawsuits can be brought by innocent victims or the intoxicated person as a result of an accident involving alcohol. Before you throw that party or hand out that drink – make sure you protect yourself and your guests from harm.

Use this guide as a roadmap on how to throw a safe, fun party and how to be a respectful guest.
1. Massachusetts Law

The legal drinking age in Massachusetts is 21 years of age.

The following are excerpts of laws in MA regarding drinking. For complete laws see: http://www.masslegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/

Serving Alcohol
It is illegal to serve someone under 21 years of age, unless their relationship is that of parent and child or husband and wife. Violation of this section may result in a fine of $2000, 6 months imprisonment, or both. (M.G.L.c.138, §34)

Purchasing Alcohol
A person over 21 years of age may not buy alcohol for a person under 21 years of age, unless their relationship is that of parent and child or husband and wife, and even in those situations liquor must be bought at a package liquor store, not a restaurant or tavern. Violation of this section may result in a fine of $2,000, imprisonment up to 6 months, or both. (M.G.L.c.138, §34)

Driving while under the Influence of Alcohol
Persons may not drive while drinking from an open container of an alcoholic beverage. To do so may result in a fine for not more than $500. (M.G.L.c.90, §241)

Persons may not drive while under the influence of alcohol or any intoxicating substance. Violators are subject to a fine of up to $1,000 or imprisonment of up to two years, or both. If a police officer has reasonable grounds to believe a person is

6. What If The Police Show Up To The Party?

- DO NOT run away from police or lock the door. Avoidance makes the situation worse.
- DO let the police in to your residence.
- DO stop the music and follow the instructions of the officer. If told to break up the party, ask everyone to leave calmly.
- Be respectful and cooperative. Uncontrollable and uncooperative hosts will only aggravate the officers.

Consequences
Off-campus citations start at $50 per tenant for "disturbing the peace," $200 fine for drinking in public, $300 fine per tenant for an "unlicensed after hours party" and possible arrest.

On-campus, students placing themselves in personal danger or causing undue burden to others will be addressed appropriately by the Department of Community Living, The Office of the Dean of Student Life, and/or The Office of Student Rights and Community Standards.
5. What If A Guest Drinks Too Much?

Approaching someone who is drinking too much and who needs to slow down or stop can be difficult, but your actions could save this person’s life (and others) because you cared to act and intervene. Enlist the help of the guest’s friends to encourage the guest to slow down or stop drinking. Do not be afraid to ask the guest to leave or tell them that you won’t serve them any more alcohol. Engage them in a conversation or activity to slow down the drinking. Use a calm, firm tone of voice and increase firmness as the situation requires. Make clear statements and speak directly to the point.

Examples of What to Say

- “I’m sorry I can’t give you another drink, how about some food?”

- “Hey I don’t want you to have to leave the party, how about some food or water before I serve you another drink?”

- “The party seems to be winding down, why don’t I call you a cab?”

- “Sorry, it’s the law. I could get in trouble if I continue to let you drink this way.”

- “I don’t want you to be sick tomorrow, how about some water?”

Driving under the influence (of any substance), it could be grounds for field sobriety testing including a breathalyzer test. The driver has the right to refuse to take the tests, but this will result in automatic loss of license for a period of 120 days. (M.G.L.c.90, #24(1))

Conviction for a first violation of this section results in a license loss for at least 45 days (180 days for offenders under the age of 21) and either a fine or imprisonment or probation and assignment to an alcohol education program. Conviction of a second violation means loss of license for at least one year, a fine and a minimum of 14 days in jail, or two years of probation and a minimum of 14 days confinement in a residential alcohol treatment program. You may be arrested immediately without warrant. (M.G.L.c.90, #24D)

Social Host Liability Law

Under Massachusetts law, a host of a party may be held liable for the injuries suffered by others if the host knew or should have known that a guest was drunk and nevertheless gave/permitted the guest to take an alcoholic drink and thereafter, because of the guest’s intoxication, the guest negligently caused injury to others. If the guest who causes an injury is a minor, the host who served the alcohol or permitted alcohol to be served to the minor might be held liable to others even if the minor was already intoxicated when the minor was served alcohol. (M.G.L.c.138 # 34)
2. Brandeis On-Campus Party Hosting Standards

Taken from the Rights & Responsibilities 2012-2013 Booklet.

For further questions, please contact the Department of Student Rights & Community Standards at 781-736-5070.

For complete standards see: http://www.brandeis.edu/studentaffairs/srcs/index.html

Alcohol in the Residence Halls

- NO alcohol is permitted in first-year or sophomore residence halls including Usen Castle, East, Massell, North, Charles River, 567 South St and Rosenthal Quads (5.3a).

- NO student under the age of 21 is allowed to possess or consume alcoholic beverages on campus (5.2a).

- Alcohol may NOT be consumed in any public area (inside or outside of the residence halls) unless part of an authorized event in conformance with University regulations (5.3b).

Jiggers and Shot Glasses

These are an effective way to measure your liquor before mixing it into a drink.

Solo Cup Measurements

Solo cups come in various sizes so premeasure to know how to prepare standard servings of drinks in the cups you are using.

Avoid Kegs and Open Bars

In addition to the fact that kegs are prohibited on-campus, offering these at your party makes it difficult for you as the host to keep track of the amount of alcohol your guests are consuming.
4. Safe Bartending

Standard Drink Sizes

Pouring measured drinks is a way to know how much alcohol your guests are consuming. As a host, this allows you to keep tabs on how much people are consuming. It also allows guests an easier way to keep track of their own consumption and promotes more appropriate drinking habits.

One mixed drink with
- 1.5 fl oz (44 mL) of 80-proof liquor (such as vodka, gin, scotch, bourbon, brandy, or rum)
- 5 fl oz (148 mL) of wine
- 12 fl oz (355 mL) of beer or wine cooler

Safety Pourers

These fit easily on the opening of your liquor bottles to ensure that every drink has 1.5 fl. oz. of alcohol, the standard serving size.

Hosting a Party or Event

- You must request permission from the Community Development Coordinator (CDC) responsible for that area by submitting a Party Registration Form (www.brandeis.edu/studentaffairs/dcl) at least 2 working days prior to the event (5.3d).
- The sponsor of the event is responsible for providing food and non-alcoholic beverages at any event where alcohol is served (5.3c).
- Gatherings must end no later than 1:00am on Saturday and Sunday mornings and 11:00pm on Sunday-Thursday (5.3c).
- Large volumes of alcoholic beverages (i.e. kegs, beer balls, etc) are not permitted (5.3d).
- Drugs and drug paraphernalia are not permitted (5.5).
- Residents are expected to be respectful of others with regard to noise (10.11).

- Drinking games of any kind are not permitted (5.3e).

- Residents assume responsibility for the actions of their guests (5.2 & 10.10). Every student is responsible for his or her own conduct (5.2).

Smoking

- All Brandeis campus buildings are completely smoke-free. Smoking is only permitted 30 feet from any building (5.1).
3. Hosting A Safe, Fun Party

- **No Alcohol? No Problem.** Remember you don’t have to serve alcohol to have a fun party.

- If you do choose to serve alcohol, **don’t make it the focus** of your party – consider a theme night, movie, or sports game.

- **Pass the Cookies!** Provide plenty of non-salty foods (Examples: cookies, sandwiches, fruits, vegetables, chicken wings, etc.). Provide sufficient amounts of non-alcoholics drinks. Use paper or plastic to avoid broken glass.

- **Measure Up.** If serving alcohol, plan to use standard serving size cups and measurements so your guests are able to keep track of how much alcohol they are consuming.

- **Avoid Open Bars.** Choose a reliable “bartender” to help keep track of the size and number of drinks consumed by guests. Avoid punch – it is easily contaminated and guests do not know how much alcohol they are consuming.

- **You’re Not on The List.** Have someone at the door to prevent problems before they happen. Do not let highly intoxicated people or strangers come in – you are responsible for their actions.

- **Check IDs.** Don’t serve alcohol to those under the age of 21. You will be held responsible.

- **What Happens Here, Stays Here.** Be sure alcohol stays inside the party. The host is responsible if alcohol leaves the premises.

- **Avoid Drinking Games.** Not only are drinking games prohibited on campus, but they can be dangerous. During a drinking game, one’s blood alcohol level (BAC) rises so rapidly that the body doesn't have time to react and can’t metabolize the excess of alcohol. This leads to toxic and lethal levels of alcohol in the bloodstream.

- **Last Call!** Close down the bar a little early. Stop serving alcohol 30-60 minutes before the anticipated end of your party, and offer instead non-alcoholic drinks and food. This time will allow guests to digest and metabolize their last drink before heading home.

- **Designated Drivers.** Make sure your guests have a safe trip home on the BranVan, with an escort, a taxi, or with a designated non-drinking driver. (See important phone numbers on the back of this booklet.)