



## **It's illegal to supply alcohol to anyone under 18 unless:**

- The person supplying the alcohol is the parent or legal guardian and the alcohol is supplied in a responsible manner
- The person supplying alcohol has the express consent of the parent or legal guardian and the alcohol is supplied in a responsible manner.

**You could be fined up to \$2,000 if you don't follow the law.**

### **Who is a guardian?**

A person is only considered a minor's guardian if he or she is recognised as a guardian under the Care of Children Act 2004.

### **What does 'responsible' manner mean?**

- Supervise the drinking of alcohol
- Provide food
- Provide a choice of low-alcohol and/or non-alcoholic drinks
- Ensure safe transport options are in place.

### **You must also consider...**

- The nature of the occasion
- The time period over which the alcohol is supplied
- The age of the teenager
- The strength and amount of alcohol supplied.

### **What does 'express consent' mean?**

Express consent may include a personal conversation, an email or a text message that you have good reason to believe is genuine.

---

**For more information visit [alcohol.org.nz](http://alcohol.org.nz)  
or call 0800 787 797**

AL926-3 | AUG 2014

  
health  
promotion  
agency