Minors and Alcohol
Legal Facts
and Consequences of
Underage Drinking

Reno Municipal Codes:

RMC Sec. 8.16.040 states:
It’s illegal for persons under the age of 21 to have an alcoholic beverage in their possession at any time.

RMC Sec. 8.16.050 False Representation by minor states:
- It’s illegal to forge, alter, erase, change or destroy legal identification documents for the purpose of purchasing alcohol or other controlled substances, or to give, loan or sell false ID to minors.
- It’s illegal to use false ID for any purposes considered illegal for minors.

For full text of Reno Municipal Code:
https://library.municode.com/nv/reno

Reno Community Resources:

Reno Direct:
www.reno.gov/community/reno-direct

Join Together Northern Nevada:
www.jtnn.org

Northern Nevada DUI Task Force:
www.nndtf.org

Resources for Alcohol Issues

1. Counseling Center: 775-784-4648
Pennington Student Achievement Center Suite 420
www.unr.edu/counseling

2. Student Conduct Office: 784-4388
BASICS, SHIFT & ON-TRAC Assessment & Intervention Clark Admin. Bldg. Lake Level Suites:
www.unr.edu/student-conduct

3. Student Health Center: 784-6598
Nell J. Redfield Bldg.
www.unr.edu/shc

4. Crisis Call Center: 775-784-8090
(24 hour crisis line)
Toll Free: 1-800-992-5757
National Hot Line: 1-800-273-8255
www.crisiscallcenter.org
Prefer to communicate by text?
Text “answer” to 839863

University Police Services
1664 N. Virginia St. MS 250
Fitzgerald Student Services 1st Floor
Phone: 784-4013
www.unr.edu/police

TMCC Substation
7000 Dandini Blvd.
Reno NV 89512
775-674-7900
email: unrpd@police.unr.edu

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Your driver’s license will be suspended for a minimum of 90 days and up to 2 years.

If you are 14 years old or older, your ability to obtain a driver’s license will be delayed by at least 90 days and by up to 2 years for a repeat offense.

You will be required to serve on a work crew for at least 16 and up to 32 hours.

If you are 18-20 years of age and found in possession of alcohol:

- You will have a criminal record for an MIPC arrest
- You can be sentenced for up to 6 months in jail
- You can be fined up to $1,000
- You can be taken into civil protective custody (CPC)

In Nevada, you will be arrested for DUI if your blood alcohol level is .08 or above while driving.

Under the influence vehicle crashes involving substantial bodily harm or death carry a mandatory prison sentence of 2 to 20 years. (NRS 484C.430)

You may be liable for any property damage or bodily injury that occur as a result.

You may face criminal charges.

Responsible Drinking is Legal and Safe

- Only use alcohol if you are 21 years of age or over
- Excessive alcohol consumption can affect your health and safety

Driving while under the influence is neither legal or safe!

If you serve alcohol, or allow service of alcohol to persons under the age of 21 in your presence in public places or in your home:

- You may be liable for any property damage or bodily injury that occur as a result.
- You may face criminal charges.

Read about the City of Reno Social Host Ordinance at: http://www.reno.gov/government/departments/police/divisions-units/crimes-criminals/disturbance-calls or call Reno Direct at 775-334-4636.

- Adults may not personally provide alcohol to minors.
- Adults may not allow minors to serve alcohol— even to persons who are over 21.
- Adults must provide supervision that would prevent the service of alcohol to minors.

University Students

Violations of university policies related to alcohol and other drugs may result in contact with the Office of Student Conduct. Violations may result in disciplinary action which might include educational programming or other sanctions as stated in the Student Code of Conduct. For more information on conduct policies and sanctions please see the Office of Student Conduct website: www.unr.edu/student-conduct