

# Youth and alcohol

## at home and on other private property



The *Sale or Supply of Alcohol to Youths (Police Offences Act 1935)* legislation regulates the supply of alcohol to people under the age of 18 years, on private property.

The legislation supports a responsible approach by parents, guardians, and other adults with parental rights, who choose to supply young people with alcohol.

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### What does the legislation mean?

If you supply someone under the age of 18 years with alcohol on private property, and:

- you are not the responsible adult
  - do not have the permission of the responsible adult, and
  - do not supply alcohol in a responsible manner
- you will be breaking the law, and may be fined or face imprisonment.**

**A responsible adult** is a parent, step-parent, guardian, or someone with parental rights and responsibilities for a young person.

**Responsible supply of alcohol** means appropriately supervising consumption, ensuring food is available and limiting the quantity and type of alcohol.

### What happens if an adult doesn't act responsibly?

Fines for minor offences may be imposed by infringement notice. Significant fines or a jail term of up to 12 months may be incurred for more serious offences.

The current National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) *Australian Guidelines to Reduce Health Risks from Drinking Alcohol* advocate that there is no safe level of consumption of alcohol for anyone under the age of 18 years.