



Safety First

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A Safe Holiday Barbecue Requires a Responsible Host

July 4th is a time where family and friends tend to gather for large barbecue's meant to catch up on life, loosen everyone's spirits and have fun. But July 4th can be deadly especially when you mix alcohol with an irresponsible host.

According to AssociatedContent.com, in order to enjoy your 4th of July party, you must drink responsibly and you must also make sure that your guests are drinking responsibly. If you let someone leave your home after they've had one too many of your cocktails, you could be at fault if something happens to them or someone else. If you will be serving alcohol at your 4th of July party make sure to have designated drivers to drive those who will be drinking home or plan on having some extra sleeping space. Also for everyone's safety, do not let people who are drinking cook foods on the grill or light fireworks.

Often overlooked, you should keep a suitable supply of non-alcoholic beverages on hand for anyone who may be driving or simply does not wish to drink. This can be anything from non-alcoholic cocktails or beer, water, soda, coffee, juice, etc. However, we all know that the flavor of a cocktail or punch is something of much desire. Your non-drinking guests will certainly appreciate the non-alcoholic beverages.



As the evening goes on and the tables are cleared of your famous marinated grilled brats and Grandma's potato salad, but the cocktails continue to get more potent, remember some snacks. It does not have to be anything earth shattering, just a refill on the chips and dip would be fine. If your guests continue to drink without that food in their stomachs, the alcohol will travel to their blood streams more quickly and could have a very different effect than it was when the burgers and brats were plentiful.

Remember, whenever alcohol is involved at any party, the key word is "safety". Ensuring your guests have a fabulous time while at the same time keeping them drinking responsibly may be a handful of work, but when your party is deemed a success, and everyone arrives home safely, you will be thankful you followed these simple suggestions.

Don't lose your freedom this 4th of July holiday due to a being an irresponsible host.

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UW-Whitewater Police Services May, 2009 activity log.

Activated Fire/Burglar Alarm - 18	Harassment Investigation -
Animal Complaints - 1	Misuse of Telephone Services - 0
Assault - 0	Public Urination - 1
Assist Citizen - 42	Resisting Police - 1
Assist Other Agency - 5	Solicitation Complaints - 2
Assist Whitewater Rescue - 3	Suspicious Circumstance - 10
Battery Investigations - 0	Theft Investigations - 8
Building Checks - 969	Traffic Accident Reports - 2
Burglary - 1	Traffic Citations - 38
Check Person Welfare - 7	Underage Alcohol Consumption - 25
Criminal Damage to Property - 5	Trespassing - 0
Disorderly Conduct - 3	Vandalism - 0
Drug Investigation/Arrest - 7	



Are Fireworks Legal in Wisconsin?



The state of Wisconsin allows the sale, possession and use, without a permit, of sparklers, stationary cones and fountains, toy snakes, smoke bombs, and caps, noisemakers and confetti poppers with less than 1/4 of a grain of explosive mixture. There is no age restriction on sale, possession or use of these devices and the state statute does not classify them as fireworks. **These are the only kinds of "fireworks" as that word is commonly used, that a person may use or possess without a permit.**



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