

# Quick Party Facts

- 1) Under Ohio law, you must be 21 years of age to purchase, consume or possess alcoholic beverages. No exceptions!
- 2) Providing minors (under the age of 21) with alcohol is a criminal offense that can land you in jail and even get you kicked out of school. Don't put your future in jeopardy – card everyone.
- 3) The party host is legally liable for everything that happens at his or her party. That means a party gone wild goes on the host's permanent record.
- 4) It's all fun and games until too much alcohol is involved. 90% of sexual assaults and arrests happen after excessive drinking. Friends tell friends when enough is enough.
- 5) The larger the party, the more likely the party will become uncontrollable. Don't let party crashers crash your future – if you didn't invite them, ask them to leave. If they won't leave, call the Police; they'll escort them off your property for you.
- 6) Keep your neighbors in mind and make sure what happens at your party stays at your party. From beer bottles to noise, live by the rule of leave no trace; and remember your mama doesn't live here to clean up after you – that's your job.



# Community Welcome !!

## Phone Numbers to Remember

**Police and Fire Departments  
(emergency)**  
911

**Police Department (non-emergency)**  
330-673-7732

**Fire Department (non-emergency)**  
330-676-7393

**City Manager's Office**  
330-676-7500

**Mayor's Office and City Council**  
330-678-8007

**Dean of Students**  
330-672-4050

**Undergraduate Student Government**  
330-672-3207

Dear Student Resident,

Welcome to Kent!

Kent has some great neighborhoods and we're glad you found one to call your new home. Keep in mind that your neighborhood is also home to young families with kids and life-long Kent residents too, so please be sensitive to the diverse lifestyles and help keep your neighborhood a place everyone is proud to call home.

The City of Kent, Kent State University and community neighborhood groups are working hard to promote positive relationships between students and non-students living in City neighborhoods.

Please do your part, take time to get to know your neighbors, respect neighborhood standards and understand the local laws.

Have a great semester and enjoy Kent!



# Stay Safe, Party Smart

## 5 College Drinking Myths Busted Wide Open

**Myth 1:** "I'm more fun when I drink."

**REALITY:** No one thinks you're fun when you're slurring, stumbling all over the place and puking on the rug.

**Myth 2:** "Everyone drinks heavily at parties that's the whole idea."

**REALITY:** Sure, people drink to loosen up a bit but if you look around the party you'll see that except for the knucklehead that everybody stays away from most people drink in moderation. You'll thank yourself in the morning.

**Myth 3:** "If I don't drink, there would be nothing to do."

**REALITY:** Come on man, get creative and broaden your horizon. Learn about the clubs, sports, and service organizations at the university and in the community. You may be surprised to find out how many people are involved in activities other than the Drinking Team.

**Myth 4:** "It totally mellows me out to smoke a little and throw back a few beers."

**REALITY:** Mixing drugs (including drugs like alcohol and marijuana) has what scientists call an additive effect. That means that you don't realize how messed up you are until it's too late. And dude, marijuana is illegal!

**Myth 5:** "I'm having as much fun as I can while I'm in college. As soon as I graduate I'll get my act together."

**REALITY:** Your drinking habits can keep you from attending class, studying regularly, or getting involved in a career-oriented club or internship. Plus, if you're thinking of going to grad school, you still need to be making the grade so that your transcripts look good.

Face it, what happens in college doesn't stay in college – your parents will find out and almost every job application asks whether you've ever been arrested. Do yourself, your parents and your career a favor and know when to stop.

## Tips for a Successful House Party

- **Notify the Kent City Police** at 330-673-7732 (non-emergency number) when you plan to have a large party. Be sure that your party does not disturb someone else and if your party gets out of control, you can call the police for assistance.
- **Be a good neighbor** and inform your neighbors that you are having a party. If a neighbor can hear noise from your house, the noise is probably too loud.
- **Control access to your party.** Try to keep "party crashers" out of your party. They are only there to drink YOUR beer and don't care if you receive a noise or alcohol violation.
- **Provide non-alcoholic beverages.** Water, soda and juice keeps the party going for the people that don't drink alcohol. Remember, one of these people may be your BFF's ride home.
- **Eat before you drink** and provide food for your guests. A full stomach slows down the pace at which alcohol is absorbed. What's not to love about pretzels and chips.
- **Try to drink in moderation.** Too much alcohol increases your chances of being hurt, arrested and/or wildly embarrassed. Keep track of what you drink by sticking your bottle caps or tabs in your pockets. The best parties are the ones you can actually remember.
- **Make sure to have plenty of paper towels and toilet paper.** You can never have enough paper products. They're handy and can tackle all sorts of dirty jobs.
- **Clean up any trash from your party** that's in your yard, your neighbors' yards and in the street.

## Party Violations

Party fouls can often lead to fines, court appearances and even jail time. To stay in the game avoid:

- Littering
- Excessive noise
- Playing with fire
- Destroying private property
- Arguing with the cops
- Drinking and driving
- Underage drinking

