HOSTS & HOSTESSES

PRE-PARTY ETIQUETTE

- Know your lease regulation and make sure you are in compliance. Know the laws.
- Give your neighbors a heads-up and provide them with your contact information.
- Stock up on toilet paper.
- Check your smoke detectors to make sure they are properly functioning. Do not allow fireworks and smoking inside during the party.
- Have a sober host.
- Know the guests invited to your party.
- Let your guests know what time you expect everyone to leave by.

HOSTING THE PARTY

- Serve non-alcoholic beverages and provide food for your guests.
- Keep the noise at a reasonable level, particularly as the party begins to go on later into the night.
- Make sure only guests that are 21 or older are drinking.
- Make sure guests do not bring or consume any illegal drugs.
- If police show up, cut the music, be respectful, and do as they request.
- Only allow access to rooms you approve of your guests socializing in. Place all your valuables in a locked room.

8 REASONS WHY A PARTY IS BROKEN UP

- Guests cause problems/fights.
- Hosts charge a cover.
- Underage drinking.
- Party becomes too crowded and/or loud.
- Property is vandalized and hosts’ objects are stolen.
- Previous parties at the location were known to be busted.
- Illegally parked cars.
- Guests overconsume alcohol to the point of alcohol poisoning.
HOSTING THE PARTY (CONT.)

• Limit the amount of alcohol your guests drink. You have the authority to cut them off if necessary. Limit or discourage drinking games to help limit the consumption of alcohol.

• Avoid glass, use cans or plastic cups and recycle them when the party is over.

• Make a plan on how to deal with trash from the party. Follow through and pick up as much trash as possible as the party progresses. Deal with the trash and recycle the next morning.

• If you plan on using your balcony, limit the number of people who can be on it at one time. Do not place a keg on the balcony.

ENDING THE PARTY

• When it’s time to end the party, make sure all your party guests have a safe way home. There are several services that can help:

• Taxis
• RTS: www.go-rts.com
• RTS app: ufl.transloc.com/mobile/php
• Later Gator: go-rts.com/other.php
• SNAP: 392-SNAP or 352-392-7627
• GOTCHA rides: 866-9-GET-GOT or 866-943-8468
• Sober designated drivers

CATERING TO THE NON-DRINKERS

• Pick a theme for your party guests to celebrate and don’t make alcohol the sole focus. A luau, toga party, game night, 80s or 90s themed-party are all great options.

• Have non-alcoholic drinking games available – monopoly, twister, taboo, videogames, yard games, etc.

• Have food available at the party. High-protein foods such as cheese, meats, and nuts not only provide good snacks for all guests, but it slows down the absorption rate of alcohol for those who do drink.

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