NO TRICKS ABOUT IT!!

Most University students drink responsibly and many don’t drink at all. We have learned from past experience that the actions of a few intoxicated or irresponsible individuals can ruin an entire party and threaten the safety of other community members. Please keep in mind that the costume you are wearing is tossed aside and the image you leave may be an unfavorable one of college students. As you plan for your weekend, be cooperative with neighbors, police or other persons who may come to discuss any issue of concern. Assist your friends in making sound decisions so situations won’t escalate.

What you can do if your party gets out of control.

No brainer tips.

1. Call the police if uninvited guests disrupt your party, or if your guests won’t pay attention to your requests to behave and obey the law. Call before things get too out of control. Police will view your attempt to keep things under control as a good thing.
2. Respond positively if a police officer comes to your house. The officer is most likely responding to a complaint. Make sure the person interacting with the police officer at the front door is sober and responsive to the officer’s requests. Do as much as possible to comply with what the police are asking you to do. Enlist the help of your friends and housemates.
3. Interfering with a police officer makes a bad situation worse. Use common sense and cooperate. Don’t throw bottles, cups or other items at or near police officers. If you have committed a crime and a police officer asked you to identify yourself, you will need to do so. Giving a false name is a separate offense, and will likely worsen what might have been a warning or a citation into a trip to jail.

4. Understand that you can be arrested. A police officer may take someone into custody for any violation of law that carries a potential jail penalty. This includes most state criminal laws and many city ordinances. For some violations, an officer may detain you while verifying your identity and issuing a citation.

5. When a police officer asks you to clear an area, leave right away. If you stick around after the warning to watch what’s going to happen, you may be cited for interfering with a police officer.

6. A new Social Host Law has been signed and you (21 years of age or older) are now responsible for all underage drinkers. This means the responsibility doesn’t stop if the underage person who has been drinking has left the party.

Under age drinker leaving the party.

Social Host
This could be you!!!
KEEPING YOURSELF SAFE

Trust your instincts. If you feel *spooked* at any point during Halloween weekend, go with your gut. If you see something suspicious, contact Public Safety or call 911.

Avoid being alone or isolated with a *goblin* you don’t know well. Let a trusted friend know where you are and whom you are with at all times. If a *goblin* asks you to go somewhere, let him or her know you’d rather stay with the group.

Know your surroundings and learn a bight *jack-o-lantern* route back to your car or residence. Always carry emergency cash and store the phone numbers of local cab companies in your phone. Place Public Safety’s phone number into your phone on speed dial. 209-946-2537.

Don’t accept “*witch’s brew*” from people you don’t know or trust and never leave your “*witch’s brew*” unattended. If you lost sight of your “*witch’s brew*”, get a new one.

When you are out with your friends, arrive together, check in with each other throughout the night, and leave together. Form a buddy system so that no one wanders off alone and agree on a secret “butt in” signal for uncomfortable situations, such as “*Mummy!*”

Don’t let your guard down. Don’t assume people you’ve just met will look out for your best interests; remember that they could be the *Grim Reaper*. Watch out for your friends. If a friend seems out of it, is way too intoxicated for the amount of alcohol they’ve had, or is acting out of character, get him or her to a safe place immediately.
Hosting a party can be great fun. Did you know that Public Safety will help you with plans on how to keep you and your party safe. Call us for more information. 209-946-2537.
Halloween parties can be fun. It is also a high risk time for some dangerous behaviors including sexual assaults, hospitalizations, drunk driving and alcohol poisoning. Don’t let Halloween turn into a nightmare!!!  Party safe!!!

No Boo’s about it: Alcohol Poisoning is a very real and serious medical emergency caused by ingesting too much alcohol too quickly.

**Signs of life-threatening levels of intoxication**
- Vomiting
- Breathing – 8 seconds or more between breaths
- A person has passed out, or is asleep, and cannot be aroused, or can only be slightly aroused for a few moments
- A person’s hands or feet are colder and clammy, or skin is pale or bluish

These are some signs for a medical emergency!! Call 946-3911 immediately!!

**What to do:**
- Call 946-3911 or 911 immediately!!
- Do Not leave the person alone.
- Turn the person on his/her side to prevent choking or suffocating in case of vomiting.

**BLACKOUTS**

Blacking out is not the same as passing out. Passing out involves a loss of consciousness. When you blackout you are still conscious, but there is no memory during a blackout. You are awake and functioning but later can’t remember what you did.

Blackouts are related to the quantity of alcohol consumed..
- A blackout is not associated with normal or healthy alcohol use.
- It is a chemically induced period of amnesia that can last for seconds, minutes, hours and/or days.
- Blacking out involves the inability to transfer short-term memory into long-term memory.
- Blackouts occur with: gulping drinks, extended drinking over long periods of time, fatigue, no food, and old age.

Being in a blackout increases the likelihood for other high risk behaviors such as unwanted sexual experiences, drinking and driving, alcohol poisoning, etc.

Blackouts are common among alcohol abusers and are a warning sign to drinkers and their friends that alcohol related problems exist. Frequent blackout’s are considered an early high-risk indicator of alcoholism.

Make Public Safety one of your stops for some great treats!!!