



Panhandle
PREVENTION
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Panhandle Communities United For CHANGE

Change Starts With You

Know the facts about underage drinking

Change happens when you no longer accept the norm:

“Kids will be kids.”

“We did it when we were in high school.”

“You can’t stop them from doing it.”

Change happens when you understand the law:

Nebraska law is clear - underage drinking is illegal. No one under the age of 21 may possess, consume or have physical control of alcohol (Nebraska State Statute 53-180.02).

Change happens when you know the consequences:

Nebraska state laws allows judges the following penalty options for minors convicted of minor in possession (MIP) and minor having consumed (MHC).

Convicted teens may be subjected to any or all of the following:

- **First offense**
*30-day drivers license suspension under Nebraska’s “Use and Lose” law
Attend **at** an alcohol education class
Fine –up to \$500*
- **Second offense**
*Three month driver’s license suspension
Attend **at** an alcohol education class
20 to 40 hours of community service*
- **Third or greater offenses**
*One year driver’s license suspension
Attend **at** an alcohol education class
60 or more hours of community service
Alcohol assessment by a licensed drug and alcohol counselor*