



CARLSBAD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Department Training Bulletin

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City of Carlsbad Municipal Code (CMC) 8.45.010: **CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES BY MINORS AT PARTIES, EVENTS OR GATHERINGS**

The Carlsbad Police Department acknowledges the dangers associated with minors consuming alcohol/drugs and encourages the enforcement of CMC 8.45.010 to dissuade citizens from hosting gatherings where illegal consumption takes place.

CMC 8.45.010 is commonly referred to as the 'Social Host' ordinance. CMC 8.45.010 defines the illegal consumption of alcohol/drugs by minors and the penalties for hosting a party, event, or gathering where consumption of alcohol/drugs by minors is occurring.

Carlsbad Police Officers are encouraged to conduct thorough investigations at all such gatherings that are brought to the attention of law enforcement. The investigation should include:

1. Identifying the host of the gathering
2. Appropriate enforcement of CMC 8.45.010
3. Identifying minors in possession of alcohol or drugs (state code violations)
4. Taking appropriate enforcement action for observed legal violations
5. Photographing alcohol/drugs
6. Completing a report detailing investigation for appropriate prosecution
 - i. The report should include the names and ages of identified minors and any photographic evidence.
 - ii. Facts supporting any arrest or search conducted.
 - iii. Cross-referencing incident/arrest reports for multiple arrestees.

It is the intent of the Carlsbad Police Department to take appropriate enforcement action against persons who violate CMC 8.45.010.