



**Rhode Island
Regional Coalitions**
Prevention and Health Promotion for Life.

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Thursday, August 5, 2021

**Government and Prevention Leaders Launch
Renewed Awareness of Rhode Island's Social Host Law**

WHAT: *Rhode Rules* Press Conference, a renewed awareness campaign of the Rhode Island Social Host Law, sponsored by six of RI's Prevention Coalitions with funding from the RI Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities & Hospitals

WHEN: Thursday, August 5th – 9:30 a.m.

WHO: Mayor Charles Lombardi
EOHHS Secretary Womazetta Jones
North Providence Police Chief Alfredo Ruggiero Jr.
Sheri and Michaela Shunney, Parent and Supporters of the campaign

WHERE: North Providence Safety Complex, 1835 Mineral Spring Ave,
North Providence, RI 02904

WHY: Rhode Island is one of the majority of states which has a Social Host Law. The law states it is illegal to buy, provide and supply alcohol, or provide a place to consume alcohol to anyone under the age of 21.

A recent Rhode Island survey showed that of the underage youth who drink alcohol, 59% of them reported getting the alcohol from a friend or relative; 35% reported a parent or guardian secured liquor for them.

Traditionally, August marks celebrations as students leave for college. This campaign reminds adults of the Rhode Island Social Host Law.

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