

## RESOURCES

**University Police Department**  
<http://www.tarleton.edu/police/>  
254.968.9002

**Alcohol and Drug Education Programs**  
<http://www.tarleton.edu/studentlife/>  
254.396.9081

**TAT**  
<http://www.tarleton.edu/tat/>  
254.968.9696

**Student Health Services**  
<http://www.tarleton.edu/healthservices/>  
254.968.9271

**Student Counseling Service**  
<http://www.tarleton.edu/counseling/>  
254.968.9044

**Student Handbook**  
<http://www.tarleton.edu/studentlife/handbook.html>

**TAT**  
**(TARLETON ALTERNATIVE  
TRANSPOTATION)**

Provides free, safe and non judgmental rides home in the Stephenville area and is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the fall and spring semesters only. Please contact TAT at 254.968.9696 for further information.

**Matt Welch**  
**Chief of Police**



For more information or  
any questions you may have  
please contact the

**Tarleton State University  
Police Department**  
254-968-9002  
[police@tarleton.edu](mailto:police@tarleton.edu)

After hours  
254-968-9265

1600 W. Vanderbilt  
Stephenville, TX 76402

For Emergencies  
Call 9-1-1



# TEXANS AND ALCOHOL

**Tarleton State University Police**

**“A Guide to Responsible Decision  
Making”**



*A Part of the Division of Student Affairs*

*A Campaign for a Safer Tarleton*



## RESPONSIBLE DECISIONS

If you choose to drink, make sure you are drinking in a responsible manner:

- Set a limit on how much you will drink before you start.
- Drink a glass of water between each drink of alcohol.
- Never leave your drink unattended.
- Designate a driver, or use CARPOOL.
- Don't go out alone. Go with a group you know well, and watch out for each other.
- Don't leave with someone you don't know.

## PARTY PLANNING

You can have fun, entertain your friends, relax and, yes, even drink alcoholic beverages, all without violating the law, annoying your neighbors or getting the police involved:

- Card your guests.
- Designate specific areas where alcohol is allowed.
- Keep the number of guests to a minimum.
- Know who is at your party.
- Make sure there is more than one sober person.
- Talk to your neighbors before the party.
- Make sure you have sufficient parking.
- Keep your music down.
- Respect your neighbors by keeping the party indoors.

## SIGNS OF ALCOHOL POISONING

Call 911 if you see any one of these signs:

- fever or chills,
- difficulty standing or walking,
- unconsciousness or semiconsciousness,
- poor awareness of surroundings,
- vomiting while unconscious or semiconscious,
- fingernail beds or gums that are bluish, or
- difficulty breathing.



## STOP

**Plan ahead!**

**Designate a sober driver in advance.**

Individuals must be at least 21 years old to purchase, possess or consume alcoholic beverages. Tarleton State University is an educational institution dedicated to the pursuit of excellence, the promotion of academic achievement and the advancement of knowledge. Because of the university's interest in the intellectual, physical and psychological well-being of the campus community, it is important that the university take steps to curtail the abusive or illegal use of alcoholic beverages. Educating students about the effects of misuse and use of alcohol will help accomplish these goals.

## LAWS

### Minor in Possession (MIP)

A minor (individual under the age of 21) consuming or possessing an alcoholic beverage except in the visible presence of the minor's adult parent, guardian or spouse. Class C Misdemeanor.

### Public Intoxication (PI)

Appearing in a public place while intoxicated so much that the person may endanger him/herself or another person. Class C Misdemeanor.

### Driving under the Influence (DUI)

A minor is operating a motor vehicle in a public place while having any detectable amount of alcohol in the minor's system. Class C Misdemeanor.

### Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)

Operating a motor vehicle, aircraft or watercraft in a public place while intoxicated. A blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 will automatically be a DWI, but this is not the only criterion. Class B Misdemeanor.

### Providing Alcohol to a Minor or Purchasing Alcohol for a Minor

Class A Misdemeanor.

## PENALTIES

### Class C Misdemeanor

Fine up to \$500; additional penalties include community service, an alcohol-awareness course and 180-days to one year driver's license suspension.

### Class B Misdemeanor

Fine up to \$2,000; additional penalties include community service and 72 hours minimum confinement.

### Class A Misdemeanor

Fine up to \$4,000; additional penalties include up to one year in jail and a 180-days driver's license suspension.