

Underage Alcohol Laws

Purchasing, attempting to purchase, consuming or possessing alcohol if you are under the age of 21 can lead to a fine of **\$100 to \$200 (\$465 actual)** and/or **imprisonment** for up to 30 days, completion of an alcohol intervention program (8 hours and \$150) and **suspension of driver's license** for 120 days for the first offense and one year for a second or subsequent offense.
S.C. Code Ann. Sections 20-7-8920, 56-1-746
S.C. Code Ann. Sections 20-7-8925, 56-1-746

Using **someone else's driver's license** or ID card can lead to a fine of **up to \$200 (\$465 actual)** or **imprisonment** for up to 30 days and **suspension of driver's license** for 120 days for the first offense and one year for a second or subsequent offense.
S.C. Code Ann. Sections 56-1-515(2), (4), 56-1-746

Being grossly **intoxicated** on any highway or at any **public place** or public gathering can lead to a fine of **up to \$100 (\$257.50 actual)** or **imprisonment** for up to 30 days.
S.C. Code Ann. Section 16-17-530

South Carolina has a **Zero Tolerance** policy for underage **drinking and driving**.

For underage drinking violations, offenses can be "**stacked**." In other words, a person charged and convicted of three separate offenses can receive **all three fines or jail terms**.

