

Champaign Community Coalition  
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February 24, 2016

Dear Students:

As Unofficial St. Patrick's Day approaches, we would like to once again ask that everybody enjoy their time in a responsible way which is respectful of each other, our community and the law. Binge drinking and the other activities associated with the day pose serious risks to your health and safety, and as the police chiefs of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the cities of Champaign and Urbana, we offer these suggestions should you decide to participate in Unofficial St. Patrick's Day on March 4th:

- If you drink, drink legally, responsibly and in moderation. At least two people have died as a result of previous events and many more have been seriously injured, hospitalized or both.
- If you host a party, keep it small and allow only invited guests. Make sure everyone at the party choosing to consume alcohol is at least 21 years old.
- If there are uninvited guests at your party, ask them to leave and, if they won't, call the police.
- Know and heed the new social host laws (described below).
- Don't carry open alcohol in public.
- Ensure your balcony is not overcrowded and make sure nothing is thrown from the balcony.
- Watch out for each other! If you see an individual who needs assistance, call 9-1-1 so they can be evaluated and stay safe.

Illegal behavior can result in fines, criminal arrest, incarceration and dismissal from the University of Illinois. The State of Illinois recently revised social host laws that could affect you. If you host a party and underage guests possess alcohol or are drinking, you will be physically arrested and charged with a Class "A" misdemeanor. If a person is injured or killed as a result of your party, *even after they have left the party*, you will be physically arrested and charged with a Class 4 felony. Local law enforcement will be monitoring parties March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Our primary goal on March 4<sup>th</sup> as it is every day will be to ensure the safety of everyone on campus. Achieving this goal requires your cooperation.

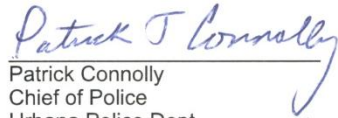
Sincerely,



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