Minor in Possession (MIP): Consuming or possessing an alcoholic beverage by a minor except in the visible presence of the minor's adult parent, guardian, or spouse. Class C Misdemeanor.

- There are enhanced penalties for providing and/or furnishing alcohol to minors at gatherings that involve binge drinking or coerced drinking.
- In Texas, minors can drink in the presence of their parents with their permission, but once they leave their sight they can get ticketed. This law can be interpreted very strictly, e.g., the parent must be within literal arm's length of the minor. Be careful at tailgates!
- You can get this ticket even if you are not drinking the alcohol. If you are holding it or if it is within your vicinity of control, it is the officer's discretion as to whether or not to give you this ticket.

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.

- The criteria for getting a PI charge are different in the state of Texas compared to the university. In Texas, you need to be intoxicated and be posing a danger to yourself or others. On campus, you just need to be intoxicated. A lot of students do not know this, and they will try to walk home from Northgate alone only to receive a PI charge.
- Pls are usually given when someone is alone. When someone is alone and intoxicated, they are at an increased risk of getting mugged, assaulted, walking into the street, etc. Always have a sober friend to walk with! Hold your buddy's hand if you have to.
- You do not have to blow a .08 to receive this ticket; it is up to the officer's discretion.

Driving Under the Influence (DUI): A minor operating a motor vehicle in a public place while having any detectable amount of alcohol in his/her system. Class C Misdemeanor.

- This ticket is usually given to minor who are under the influence of alcohol.
- Texas has a zero tolerance policy for underage drinking and driving. If you are under age and have had any amount to drink, you could get this ticket if you choose to get behind the wheel.

Driving While Intoxicated (DWI): Operating a motor vehicle, aircraft, or watercraft in a public place while intoxicated. Class B Misdemeanor.

- This ticket is usually given to people who are over 21 and driving while intoxicated.
- You do not have to blow a .08 to receive this ticket. If an officer has reason to believe you are intoxicated or if you fail a Standardized Field Sobriety Test after being behind the wheel, you can get this ticket.

Providing Alcohol to a Minor or Purchasing Alcohol for a Minor: Class A Misdemeanor.

- You do not have to be the one who purchased the alcohol. If you make it available to a minor, you can get this ticket.
- You can be underage and still get this ticket.

Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle: Class C Misdemeanor.

- If there is an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle, every person in the car can receive this ticket.
- It can be easy to get this charge, but it's also easy to avoid it. Students with pick-up trucks have gotten this charge because they didn't realize that someone threw an empty beer can into their truck bed. Students have borrowed friends' cars and not realized a container was in it. Students might DD for their friends and not realize someone had a container with them. Check your truck bed, check your friend's car, and make sure your friends know you're all getting in trouble if someone has an open container in the car.
- If you are transporting alcohol, put it in your trunk. If you don't have a trunk, we recommend putting it in a bag that will zip closed and putting it behind the seat. Just make it very obvious that you couldn't have had control over it while driving.

UNIVERSITY RULES

- Alcohol use, possession, manufacturing, or distribution of alcoholic beverages (except as expressly authorized by University regulations), is prohibited on Texas A&M University premises and University sponsored events. In addition, use, possession, or distribution of alcohol beverages while driving or riding in or on a vehicle on University premises is prohibited. Alcoholic beverages may not, in any circumstance, be used by, possessed by, or distributed to any person under twenty-one (21) years of age. Individuals may not be in a state of public intoxication or drunkenness. Individuals may not operate a motor vehicle or another form of transportation while intoxicated or while under the influence of alcohol.
- All members of the University community are expected to abide by state and federal laws pertaining to controlled substances and illegal drugs. More specifically, Texas A&M University Student Rules prohibit “using, possessing, being under the influence of, manufacturing, or distributing illegal drugs or illegally obtained possessed controlled substances.” (See University Student Rule 24.4.12.) The term “controlled substances,” when used in these rules, shall refer to those drugs and substances whose possession, sale, or delivery results in criminal sanctions under the Texas Controlled Substances Act (Texas Civil Statutes, Article 4476-15), as well as substances that possess a chemical structure similar to that of a controlled substance (e.g., “designer drugs”).