

# **Greek Risk Bulletin**

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# **Getting Arrested for Alcohol: The Basics**

After that headline, we need a disclaimer. Obviously those of us at the GRB don't want you arrested. Jail is not a happy place and fines are not cheap, especially after buying textbooks. Moreover, neither the dean, your chapter officers, parents, judges, not the police will be pleased. But, just in case you want to anger those folks - and endanger yourself and others - here are six basic tips to help you spend a night (or more) in jail for alcohol:



# **Drink Too Much**

It's not just a health risk, it can be a crime too. Most police officers are more than willing to take you to the ER on the way to jail – double your troubles.



## **Drink in Public**

This is a quick way to drank unwanted attention. Not only could you violate public intoxication laws, you can violate city ordinances against "open containers" at the same time.



#### Be a Jerk.

Alabama's public intoxication laws include "boisterous and offensive conduct [that] annoys another person." Being a jerk while drinking – especially to the police – can help speed a trip to jail.



#### **Drink While Underage**

"Everybody does it" is not a defense in court. An illegal (fake) ID will make it worse.



# **Drink and Drive**

Any activity that has national organizations oppose it is a sure fire path to trouble. Maybe it's even a way to get yourself or someone else injured or killed.



### Ignore these Resources

UA - <u>Student Health Center</u> UAB - <u>Student Outreach</u> UAH - Charger Choices

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