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## **Alcohol Tragedy in the SEC**

Usually in the Fall, we publish a GRB about the basics of alcohol safety.

- Don't drink too much
- Don't drink in public
- Don't drink and start fights
- Don't drink underage
- And, <u>definitely</u>, don't drink and drive

The last bit of advice deserves special attention after a recent tragedy surrounding a SEC football game. Facts are still developing, but here is what we know so far:

On Saturday, September 15, 2018, a four-year-old child was killed by a vehicle driven by a <u>University of Kentucky freshman</u>. The child was apparently on the sidewalk with his parents. The freshman was arrested and his fraternity chapter was closed.

The freshman told police that he had consumed two beers - DUI laws for under 21 are much stricter. The freshman allegedly consumed the alcohol at an unregistered tailgate hosted by his fraternity, where pledges may have been forced to serve alcohol to others, including minors.

It's a tragedy for all involved – certainly the child and parents, but also the many others whose lives are forever changed. Follow your organization's and university's policies, and the law. Don't be the next tragic headline.



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