

# Entertaining Ideas

## Tips For Hosting Responsible Celebrations

(NAPSA)—When planning your next celebration, you may want to consider some tips on hosting responsible parties.

The host of a successful party makes sure guests are well fed, entertained and that they don't make dangerous decisions such as choosing to drive when they've had too much to drink.

Following a few entertaining tips makes it easier for your guests to have fun and stay safe.

Diageo, the world's leading spirits, wine and beer company and maker of Smirnoff, Captain Morgan, Guinness, Johnnie Walker, Tanqueray, and Beaulieu Vineyards, offers five key tips on how to host responsible parties.

1. Designate a bartender who can serve your guests and keep an eye on how much everyone is drinking.

2. Remember—alcohol is alcohol. It is important to understand that a standard serving of beer (12 ounces), wine (5 ounces) and spirits (a cocktail with 1.5 ounces of 80-proof alcohol) each contains the same amount of alcohol.

3. Make sure that you provide food to complement your drinks. Consider food pairings to enhance the flavor of your chosen cocktails: fresh seafood and breads accentuate vodka cocktails, spiced and



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smoked meats and cheeses complement bourbon and scotch whiskies, and fruit enhances rum and tequila flavors.

4. Make available nonalcoholic beverages for your guests. Create festive nonalcoholic punch for those guests who choose not to drink.

5. Make sure your guests have a safe way home either through designated drivers or a taxi. Have local taxi-service numbers available for your guests.

Moderate drinking has long been an enjoyable part of many festivities. Drinking and entertaining responsibly can help it remain a positive and safe tradition.

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