

Expanded Social Host Ordinance (E-SHO) in Minnesota

What is a Social Host Ordinance?

A **Social Host Ordinance (SHO)** makes it unlawful for any individual to knowingly provide a place for underage drinking to occur on premises they control.

An **Expanded Social Host Ordinance (E-SHO)** covers alcohol but also expands to include cannabis and other controlled substances.

Why is a Social Host Ordinance important?

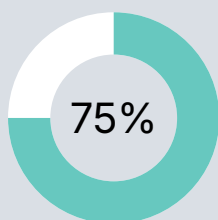
Underage substance use often takes place in social settings (i.e. at home or parties). A Social Host Ordinance ensures that individuals who allow underage substance use at their home or parties can be held responsible, even if they were not the ones who provided the substances.

Statewide Expanded Social Host Ordinance in MN

A statewide Expanded Social Host Ordinance would make it unlawful for individuals anywhere in the state of Minnesota to knowingly provide a place for underage substance use to occur.

- **A statewide E-SHO improves consistency around enforcement & messaging:** While many counties in the state of Minnesota have a Social Host Ordinance, just as many do not. This leads to inconsistent enforcement and messaging. A statewide Expanded Social Host Ordinance makes it clear to individuals all across the state that they should not allow underage substance use.
- **A statewide E-SHO reduces youth access to cannabis:** Now that adult-use cannabis has been legalized in Minnesota, a statewide Expanded Social Host Ordinance is needed to help deter underage access to cannabis and other controlled substances.

Support for a statewide Expanded Social Host Ordinance

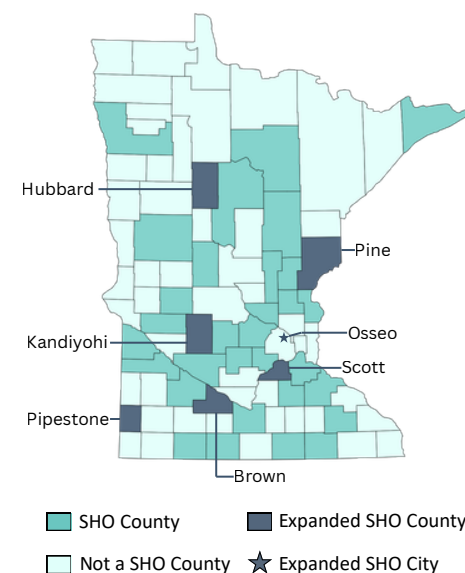


- Overall, **75%** of Minnesota County Attorneys who were surveyed said they support or somewhat support a statewide E-SHO.*
- Among only Minnesota County Attorneys who represent counties without a SHO, **71%** said they support or somewhat support a statewide E-SHO.^

*Survey Response Rate: 59% (51/87 County Attorneys)

^Based on survey responses from 24 County Attorneys who represent counties without a SHO

Social Host Ordinances in MN



31 counties in Minnesota have a SHO that covers alcohol.

6 counties and 1 city in Minnesota have an E-SHO that covers multiple substances.

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