How to Get Arrested for Alcohol

After that headline, we need a disclaimer. Obviously, those of us at the GRB don’t want you arrested. You can do without the record. Jail is not a happy place, and fines are not cheap. Moreover, neither the dean, your chapter officers, parents, judges, nor the police will be pleased. But, just in case you want to disappoint and anger those folks—and endanger yourself and others—here are some simple tips to help you spend a night (or more) in jail:

**Drink Too Much**

It’s not just a health risk, it can be a crime too. Most cops are nice enough to take you by the ER on the way to jail—double the trouble.

**Drink in Public**

This is a quick way to draw 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 even worse.

**Drink and Drive**

Any activity that has national organizations to 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 – [Student Health Center](#)
UA – [Student Engagement](#)
UAH – [Charger Choices](#)