Checklist for a Successful Party

Know the people at your party
The more people you don't know at your party, the greater potential for bad things to happen. Fights, theft, and people getting hurt or in trouble happen more often when you don't know who's at your party. Keeping the size of your party small and putting up fences cuts down on the number of randoms who will come into your party and steal your DVD's and remote control.

Know the Law
Familiarize yourself with the local and state alcohol laws to keep you and your partygoers safe.

Respect your neighbors, respect your landlord, and know your lease regulations.
There are at least two reasons why you do not want to be the inconsiderate neighbor. First, people like to get that guy in trouble. Second, if you're not home and your neighbor sees someone hit your car or walk out of your house with your TV, they are more likely to help you if they know you and like you.

Be Considerate
Clean up what you mess up, and keep the noise level reasonable.

Have at least one person there who is not drinking
If you and your friends are set on having a crazy night, it only makes sense to have someone there with their wits about them. Let this person be the one who drives you to Taco Bell at 2:00 a.m., or calls the police if something happens, and makes sure that no one is getting dangerously drunk.

Drink water
Drink water along with and in between alcoholic drinks, and down a couple more glasses of water before you go to bed. It re-hydrates your body and cuts back on the risk of a hangover so you're not miserable during the game, or class, or work, etc.

Provide Options
Limit alcohol, and serve non-alcoholic beverages in addition to any alcohol. Additionally, provide food, and use cans or plastic bottles, but not glass bottles.

Special note to women
The reality is that women end up with higher levels of alcohol in their blood causing higher rates of impairment than guys after drinking the same amount of alcohol. The more a woman drinks, the higher her risk of sexual assault. Have a plan to keep yourself sober and/or safe.
**Non-Alcoholic Drinks**

Have stuff around that is not alcoholic. Pick up some water, Powerade, Coke, and juice. Also have the same cups for non-alcoholic drinks as alcoholic drinks, this makes those who choose not to consume alcohol more comfortable.

**Pretzels & Chips**

Everybody likes pretzels and chips when they drink - and they're super cheap. Grab a couple bags. Not to mention, a full stomach slows the pace at which alcohol is absorbed.

**Toilet Paper**

Ask most party-goers - the host never has enough toilet paper. Always keep a ton of toilet paper around.

**Cleaning Supplies**

No one wants to stick to their own floor when they are walking around the day after a party. Pick up some Fantastick for stains, and some general cleaning supplies like a broom, a bucket, a mop, extra trash bags, and air fresheners.

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