



BARRINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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RESIDENTIAL SEARCH CONSENT

Dear Parent/Property Owner and/or Occupant:

The Barrington Police Department recognizes the growing concern involving underage alcohol and drug abuse in our community. Officers routinely respond to calls involving underage consumption of alcohol, public intoxication, and possession of alcohol or drug violations.

The Illinois Compiled Statutes (235 ILCS 5/6-20) defines the legal drinking age as 21 years of age. Another provision of the Illinois Compiled Statutes (235 ILCS 5/6-16) holds a person responsible for selling, dispensing, or giving away alcohol to any person knowing the person was under the legal drinking age. The same statute holds the person accountable for dispensing or selling the alcohol if the underage person is injured or dies as a result of alcohol consumption. The Village of Barrington Village Code contains similar provisions.

In an effort to protect parents and property owners from unexpected and unwanted violations of alcohol and drug offenses occurring on their property, the Barrington Police Department has developed a consent form allowing officers to search your residence or property, in your absence, in the event of suspicious circumstances which leads an officer to believe either of the aforementioned violations are occurring.

If you sign the Residential Search Consent and Waiver form, you will be waiving your constitutional rights which generally requires police officers to secure a search warrant to protect you against unreasonable searches and/or seizures. However, the Barrington Police Department will not randomly enter your residence unless investigating a call for service. This may involve loud noise/music, a large gathering of juveniles, or illegally parked vehicles. Officers may observe circumstances which appear suspicious considering the absence of adults or parents. Considering these suspicious circumstances, officers will attempt to enter your house to establish the safety and welfare of your children.

The Barrington Police Department will not attempt forcible entry to your house unless an emergency or exigent circumstances exist. Excepting an emergency, a member of the Police Department will only enter your residence if a door or window is found to be unlocked, or a person inside the house unlocks the door for an officer.

The granting of this Consent is not a substitute for adult supervision and control over children as may be necessary or appropriate in a given case, and the Barrington Police Department is not undertaking such responsibility.

Neither the Barrington Police Department, nor the Village of Barrington assumes any responsibility for violations of the law or damage occurring on your property during your absence.

The Residential Search Consent and Waiver must be dated for the time you will be away from your house. A Residential Search Consent and Waiver must be completed for every absence when you desire this added protection.

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RESIDENTIAL SEARCH CONSENT AND WAIVER**

I (We), _____, being the legal owner(s)/occupant(s) of the residence and property at _____ do hereby give consent to and authorize sworn officers of the Barrington Police Department, and those called to assist them, to enter upon my(our) property and/or into my(our) residence for the purpose of searching my(our) property and/or residence to check on the well being of my(our) children and property in my(our) absence, and to seize evidence as proof of a violation of any alcohol or drug offense included in any Federal and/or State law and/or local ordinance.

I (We) understand and agree that granting of this Consent is not a substitute for adult supervision and control over my children as may be necessary or appropriate in a given case, and the Barrington Police Department is not undertaking such responsibility.

I (We) also understand and agree that by granting this Consent, I(we) waive my(our) rights to require that a police officer have a search warrant to enter my(our) property.

I hereby certify that my (our) identification and contact information as shown below is true and accurate.

This consent is in effect from _____, 20__ to _____, 20__.

Waiver and Release of All Claims: On behalf of myself individually, my/our family, and/or my/our respective heirs, successors, and assigns (hereinafter, "I/we", "my/our", or "me/us"), I/we: (1) recognize and acknowledge that the Barrington Police Department and/or the Village of Barrington, including their respective officers, employees, agents, and volunteers ("releasees") cannot and do not guarantee the security of the subject premises, (2) voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any and all injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity that I/we may sustain as a result of such residential search services (hereinafter "such services") and/or my/our request for such services relative to the subject premises, (3) agree to waive and relinquish all claims I/we may have (or which may accrue to me/us) against the releasees as a result of such services and/or my/our request for such services from the Barrington Police Department, (4) do hereby fully release and forever discharge all of said releasees from any and all claims for injuries, damages, or loss that I/we may sustain or which may accrue to me/us arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with such services and/or my/our request for such services.

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Check One: Owner Occupant

Property Description: _____

OFFICIAL POLICE DEPARTMENT USE	
Police Department members must verify residential ownership and/or occupancy of the person executing this consent by examining the person's driver's license and another form of identification. Include the following information below:	
Property Owner's/Occupant's Name:	Address:
Driver's License No./State:	Other Identification Verified:
Telephone No. and Other Emergency Contact Information:	
Police Department Member's Signature:	