

What is the Curfew in Urbana?

On November 8, 1994 the Urbana City Council passed ordinance 510.02 establishing a curfew for persons under the age of eighteen. The ordinance reads as follows:

510.02 Curfew

It shall be unlawful for any minor to be on or remain in or upon a public place within the City of Urbana during the period beginning 11:00 p.m. and ending at 5:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday and on Fridays and Saturdays beginning 12:00 a.m. and ending 5:00 a.m.

Defenses to the Curfew law:

It is a defense to prosecution for a violation of Section [510.02](#) that the minor was:

- (a) Accompanied by the minor's parent;*
- (b) Engaged in an employment activity, or going to or returning home from an employment activity, without detour or stop;*
- (c) Returning home, by a direct route from an official school, religious or other recreational activity supervised by adults or sponsored by a civic organization or similar entity that takes responsibility for the minor.*

Can a parent be charged for allowing their child to be out past curfew? Yes

510.05 PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

It shall be unlawful for a parent of a minor to knowingly or negligently or by ineffective control to allow such minor to be on or remain on a public place during the period of curfew.

Can I be charged with a violation of this section if I am an adult and am with a person violating curfew? Yes

510.06 AIDING AND ABETTING.

It shall be unlawful for any person, not a minor, to aid, abet, influence or encourage a minor to violate the curfew.

What is the penalty for violating the curfew law?

(a) Any minor who violates Section [510.02](#) for the first time shall be given a warning, along with the minor's parent, which warning shall be recorded by the police.

(b) Any minor who violates Section [510.02](#) for the second time shall be referred to the appropriate juvenile authorities for disposition under Ohio R.C. Chapter 2151.

(c) Whoever violates Section [510.05](#) or [510.06](#) shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Subsequent violations shall be misdemeanors of the fourth degree.