

Help Your Child Be Safe, Healthy and Drug-Free

As parents, set guidelines for
your children's behaviors.

Do not allow underage youth
to drink alcoholic beverages
or use tobacco or other
drugs in your homes or
places of business.

Do not allow underage youth
to have unsupervised parties
or gatherings.

Do encourage alcohol-free
and drug-free parties.



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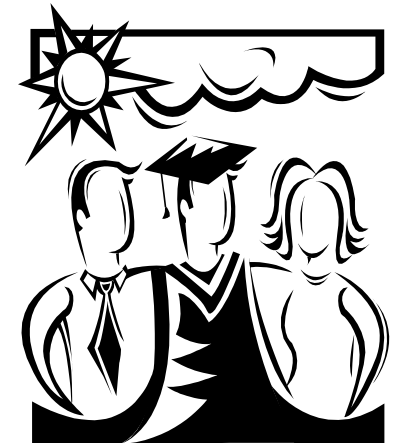
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Informed Parent's Guide to Alcohol-Free Parties



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When Your Teen is Attending A Party

Know where your teen will be. Get an address and phone number. Agree that the teen will call you if the location changes.

Personally contact the parents of the party giver to:

- Offer assistance and support
- Verify the occasion
- Verify parents will be present

Agree on a curfew.

Know how your teenager will get to and from the party.

If your teenager attended a party where alcohol was served or allowed it is important to:

- Phone and discuss your disapproval with parents
- Discuss legal consequences with them
- Network with other parents

When Your Teen is Giving A Party

Plan in advance. Check party plans and know who will be there.

Agree to the rules ahead of time.

- No alcohol, tobacco or other drugs
- No leaving and returning
- Some rooms in the house are off limits

Know your responsibilities. The adult at a party must be visible and aware. Remember it is illegal to provide alcohol to anyone under 21 years old. You may be liable for both criminal charges and damages in a civil lawsuit if you provide alcohol to a minor.

Anyone who leaves should not be allowed to return

Welcome calls from other parents

Notify your neighbors

Notify police when giving a large party

Plan activities, food and non-alcoholic drinks

Discuss party afterwards

When You Are Out of Town

Talk to your child about responsibilities and the consequences of their actions.

Have a responsible adult stay in your home during your absence.

Inform your neighbors of your absence.

Let the parents of your child's friends know of your absence.

If a party is held, find out who attended. Contact their parents as soon as possible.

