



Young Males Most Likely to Buy Alcohol for Persons who Appear to be Underage

Young males (under age 30) are more likely than other adults to buy alcohol for persons who appear to be underage, according to a study of the ability to obtain alcohol by “shoulder tapping.” During this study persons who appeared to be under 21 but were in fact age 21 or older approached adults outside liquor and convenience stores in 19 Midwestern communities and asked them to buy a six-pack of beer for them (i.e., shoulder tapping).

[Click here for the full story: http://www.cesar.umd.edu/cesar/cesarfax/vol16/16-26.pdf](http://www.cesar.umd.edu/cesar/cesarfax/vol16/16-26.pdf)

Industry Alcohol Warnings Overlooked by Teens

Alcohol-industry sponsored 'responsible drinking' messages are usually overlooked or ignored by teens, according to researchers at Brigham Young University. In the study teens spent an average of seven seconds looking at each ad, but only 0.35 seconds looking at the warnings "Basically, the adolescents, they don't really see the responsibility message," said lead researcher Steven Thomsen. "Those who see it, do (so) for a minimal time."

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Hanging Out With Your Teen

Ahhh, summer.... warm nights by the pool, bon fires, fireworks, thunderstorms, picnics and of course “I’m BORED!”. We have all heard this as parents and often we have a hard time coming up with ideas to spend time doing something fun while connecting with kids— especially teens. To many parents this may seem impossible. Here are some suggestions:

- Read the same book and then talk about it.
- Take a class together. Try dog obedience or cooking classes.
- Celebrate half birthdays with a special family meal.
- Share a subscription to a favorite teen magazine and talk about one article.
- Go to a music store and listen to their favorite CDs. Then have them listen to your favorite music. (Ignore the groans.)
- Make something together.
- Take a trip by car and visit places that were special to you when you were your teen's age.
- Have a favorite "breakfast diner" and eat there once a month.
- Schedule your lunch hour during your teen's lunch break - check them out of school and take your teen to lunch.
- And of Course ask your teen for suggestions

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