

**IF YOU'RE HOSTING A PARTY FOR YOUR TEENS
KEEP IT ALCOHOL FREE!**



Be a Lifesaver!

As A Parent, You Cannot Give Alcohol Or Allow Anyone Under 21 To Remain In Your Home Or On Your Property While Possessing Or Consuming Alcohol.

PENALTIES include up to 1 YEAR IN JAIL and/or a \$1,000 FINE
You can be arrested for unlawfully dealing with a child and endangering the welfare of a child.

Teens can also be arrested for hosting a party. Teens can lose college financial aid.

Your home insurance coverage can be jeopardized or cancelled even if you are *not found guilty* and even if you are *not charged*:

- ✓ Legal counsel for any claims against you that involve lawsuits may not be covered;
- ✓ Any claims against you (bodily harm or death) related to the party may not be covered.

Others can sue you for:

- ✓ Any injury or death that occurs on or off your property caused by someone leaving your home or party intoxicated *with or without your knowledge*.
- ✓ Property damage due to a motor vehicle crash if the person at fault became intoxicated at your home *with or without your knowledge*.
- ✓ Damage to a neighbor's property by a guest of your party.
- ✓ All unsupervised teen parties on your property *with or without your knowledge!!*

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- ✓ the average age of first use of alcohol is 12.8;
- ✓ 48% of youth feel that regular use of alcohol is risky or harmful for teens.

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So...What Can YOU Do?

- ✓ Remember The **Power** of Parents: Teenagers still listen to their parents more than anybody else.
- ✓ **Provide** clear and consistent rules and consequences.
- ✓ **Do not offer** to take their keys or to let them drink under your supervision because "it's safer".
- ✓ **Talk** to other parents about not providing alcohol at their parties.
- ✓ **Band together** with like-minded parents; But don't be swayed by what other parents may do.
- ✓ **Know** your child's whereabouts at all times.
- ✓ Make sure their social environment is alcohol and drug free.



- ✓ **Get to know** your child's friends and their parents.
- ✓ **Don't be afraid** to ask questions and search your child's room and belongings if you suspect that your child is using drugs/alcohol, or is involved in other risky behaviors.
- ✓ **Let your child know** you disapprove of, and will not tolerate, underage use of alcohol and tobacco and any use of illegal drugs.
- ✓ **Keep an eye** on your supply of alcohol products in your home.
- ✓ **Don't store alcohol** in your garage or any place that it is easily accessible
- ✓ **Be home** when your teen throws a party.
- ✓ **Talk with your teen** before any party. **Give** them a way to exit an uncomfortable situation and **listen** to their concerns!

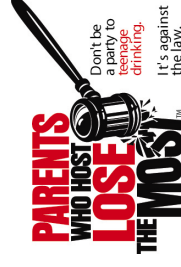
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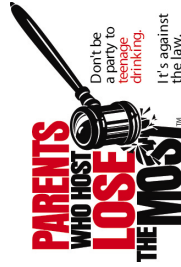
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