

Navigating the Party Years!



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Underage Drinking

- Against the law to serve alcohol to minors
- Unsafe and Unhealthy
 - Affects Brain Development
 - Poor Decision Making
 - Escalates Violence
 - Risky Behaviors

Ultimately could and has caused death

Two Ways to Look at Teen Parties

- When the party is at your home
- When your teen is invited to a party
 - Ask questions: Where, When, Who
 - Supervision- Contact Parent - will alcohol be served?
 - Drop Off and Pick-Up
 - Establish Curfew
 - Provide your child with a plan to remove themselves from an inappropriate situation

The Key to Both Situations

- Set the ground rules before the party occurs
- Set the ground rules together
- Make clear the ramifications/ consequences of breaking the rules
- Keep an open line of communication
- Make sure they understand that all of the rules are because they are Loved and Cared for

Affects of Underage Drinking

- Alcohol effects every cell in your body
- The earlier kids start to drink the increased chance of dependency
- Alcohol can seriously damage the adolescent brain as it is still developing
- Alcohol consumption by teenagers can increase the risk of cancer
- Can lead to risky behavior

Tips to offer Parents who are planning a teen party

- Discuss the guest list
- Establish firm ground rules and expectations before the party and ask your child to communicate them with his/her guests before the event
- Limit the number of invitees
- Know the ages of your partygoers and how they know your child
- Make it clear to guests that alcohol, tobacco and other drugs are not allowed and be sure to have plenty of snacks and non-alcoholic beverages
- Have sufficient chaperones to monitor the area and partygoers
- Define an area for the party; do not allow partygoers in other areas

- Monitor the party area frequently as well as off limit areas
- Restrict entry and exit areas to deter guests from bringing in contraband. When a guest leaves do not allow him/her to return. This will discourage guests from leaving to drink or take other drugs and later return under the influence
- Establish a signal that your child may use if he or she needs help
- Set a beginning and end time for the party
- Determine whether the guests will include both underage people and adults. If both will be present decide whether the party areas should be separate.
- Establish an area for coats and bags to be closely monitored
- Be prepared to call a guests parents if the child appears to be under the influence or brings alcohol or other drugs to the party

Do you know what is going on at
Sweet 16 Parties??



Social Host Law

The Primary Purpose of the Social Host Law is to deter underage drinking parties or gatherings where adults knowingly allow minors to drink alcoholic beverages.

This law applies to any adult (including parents) who are over the age of 18 and knowingly allow the consumption of alcohol by minors (any person under the age of 21).

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Why is this law needed?

This law provides a legal basis for holding adults responsible for knowingly allowing parties for individuals under the age of 21 to occur at a place under their control, whether or not they provide alcohol.

Who can be charged

- Anyone who is over the age of 18; and
- Owns, rents or otherwise controls a private residence; or permanent or temporary domicile, including a home, apartment, condominium, etc.; or other dwelling unit of any kind, including yards and open areas adjacent to these locations
- Knowingly allows the consumption of alcohol or alcoholic beverages by any minor on such premises; or
- Fails to take reasonable corrective action upon learning of the consumption of alcohol or alcoholic beverages by any minor on such premises.

What is “Reasonable Corrective Action”

- Making a prompt demand that the minor(s) stop drinking the alcoholic beverage or leave the premises; and
- If the minor refuses to comply with the request, the adult must promptly report the underage drinking to
 - Local Law Enforcement; or
 - Any other person with greater degree of authority over the minor (e.g. the minors parents or guardians, etc.)

What are the Penalties?

- 1st Offense: Fine not to exceed \$500.00



- 2nd and subsequent offense: Misdemeanor – fine up to \$1000.00 and/or a term of imprisonment not to exceed one year.



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Help us keep our children and community members safe.....

- Illegal consumption of alcohol by minors should be reported without delay. Information regarding future parties where alcohol or other substances may be unlawfully consumed can be reported to:

Report illegal purchase or consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors by calling

1-866-UNDER 21

Your CONFIDENTIAL tip will be investigated

Working Together

As parents we do everything in our power to protect our children, if we work together as a community we will have strength in numbers. Together we can strive to provide a healthy environment for our children to grow up in and move forward to a bright future.

