



If your Teen is Going to a Party

- Know where your teen is going and how long he/she will be there.
- Have the phone number and address of the party.
- Ask your teen to call you if the location of the party changes.
- Contact the host to make sure a parent will be home the entire time to supervise the party. Make sure that tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs will not be allowed.
- Talk with your teen beforehand about how to handle a situation where alcohol is available at a party.
- Make sure your teen has a way to get to and from the party.
- Make it easy for your teen to leave a party by making it clear that he can call at any time for a ride home.
- Remind your teen NEVER to ride home with a driver who has been drinking or using other drugs.
- If your teen is staying overnight at a friend's house after the party, verify this arrangement with the friend's parents and that they will be home.

Who to Contact?

- For information on hosting an alcohol-free under 21 party or to report an upcoming one where alcohol will be served, call Alcohol Beverage Services at 240-777-1999.
- To report a party in progress, call the non-emergency police number at 301-279-8000.
- If the party becomes dangerous or life threatening call 911.

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ADULT HOST RESPONSIBILITY



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Under 21 Alcohol Prevention



Adults can be held responsible even if they didn't provide the alcohol.

What is Adult Host Responsibility?

Adult Host liability refers to a party host who serves alcohol to under 21 persons. They may be held accountable for any injury or action of the intoxicated guest. Through social host liability laws, adults can be held responsible regardless of who furnishes the alcohol or whether they were present when the party was occurring.



65% of kids who drink report getting alcohol from family and friends.



If you are Hosting a Teen Party



- Plan non-alcohol-related group activities or games.
- Keep parties small. Ten to 15 teens for each adult.
- Make sure at least one adult is present at all times.
- Set a guest list. The party should be for invited guests only.
- Set starting and ending times for the party.
- Set party "rules" and discuss them with your teen. Rules should include:
 - No tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs.
 - Lights are left on at all times.
 - Certain rooms of the house are off-limits.
- Have plenty of food and non-alcoholic beverages available.
- Put your alcohol and any prescription or over-the-counter medicines in a locked cabinet.
- Be there, but not square. Pick out a spot where you can see what is going on without being in the way.