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It's a little known fact that of the kids who drink, 65% say they get their alcohol from family and friends.

Let's make sure we're doing our part to keep alcohol out of their hands.

Here are some tips:

There is a grey area in regard to refusing service to someone of age when they are accompanied by others who are not or may not seem of age. Before refusing service do some investigative work...

- Strike up a conversation with customers. Ask questions. Ask to help them find what they want... if the purchase is for a special event.
- Ask patrons if they are 21 and remind them that underage persons although welcome in the store are not allowed to buy, handle or have anyone buy alcohol for them.
- The purchaser should be the only one to handle the alcohol.
- The purchaser should not consult with underage persons about their preferences.
- Are there teens hanging out in front of the store? They are likely looking to "shoulder tap" or ask a stranger to buy. Ask them to move along.
- If adults are loitering- ask them to move along.
- If loiterers of any age do not leave once asked, or if they reappear, call the non-emergency number for the Montgomery County police 301-279-8000. Put in a request for an appearance by a patrol car.

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