

No! Taking the Keys is Not the Answer!



Tips for Parents: Have a Safe and Legal Party

Parents can have the best intentions when they allow their teen to have a party in their home, but permitting underage drinking is a BIG mistake. Teen drinking is illegal and unsafe. Allowing teens to drink in your home can result in stiff penalties, including up to 30 days in jail and/or a \$1000 fine. In addition, parents can be sued if they allow drinking and a teen is injured in any way (www.socialhostlaw.wordpress.com).

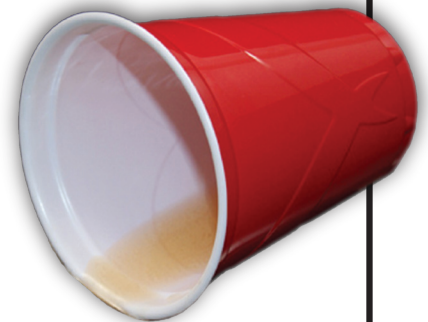
Establish firm rules that alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs are not allowed!

Planning the Party

- Ask your teen who is attending the party.
- Limit the number of attendees by making the event invitation-only. When using social networking sites, e.g. Facebook, to create invitations, be sure to make the party “private” so only invitees can see the details of the party.
- Put your phone number on the invitation and welcome calls from parents.
- Provide plenty of snacks and non-alcoholic beverages, as well as activities, such as dancing and games, to keep teens busy.

At the Party

- Define a set area for the party, have enough chaperones to provide supervision, and monitor the party frequently.
- Lock up alcohol and medications to avoid access.
- Restrict entry to the party. Have those attending enter through one door.
- Let attendees know that if they leave the party, they can't come back.
- Don't allow water bottles or other outside beverages so that alcohol can't be brought into the party.
- Keep backpacks and coats in a separate area to prevent teens from bringing in alcohol or other drugs.
- Be prepared to contact parents if an attendee appears to be under the influence or brings alcohol or other drugs to the party.



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