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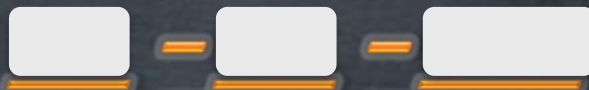
### PLEASE BE ADVISED:

Hosting a party where teenagers are given access to alcohol exposes you and your family to potentially severe criminal and civil liability.

If you are hosting a party and discover that underage drinking was occurring without your knowledge or consent, **notify the police department immediately.**

If you discover that an underage person socializing at your home appears to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, please seek medical attention by **notifying the police department immediately.**

If you know of a party where alcohol will be, is being or was served to minors, **please notify the Police Department.**



**YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT**



According to the U.S. Surgeon General Underage Drinking is the #1 Contributor to Teen Deaths



*16 Year old Taylor Cavaliere was allegedly killed after being served alcohol at a party where parents were present. She walked away from the party and was struck by a passing car.*



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# QUICK TIPS!

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**Never Assume:** Make sure that every guest entering your home knows that you intend it to be an alcohol and drug-free environment. Tell them yourself.

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**Keep it Public:** Keep parties in a main part of the home, or in a place that you can easily monitor. Don't allow kids to close window shades or doors.

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**Be a Team:** Assign other parents, or even partygoers, to help you protect the environment.

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**Be Seen:** Minors need to be supervised. Make frequent walkthroughs of the group so they know that you're there.

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**Don't Mix it Up:** If parties will include both guests of non-drinking age, and guests who recently reached drinking age, keep the party dry.

## *Make it a Pumpkin Party!*

Parties that last past 10pm and "open house" parties -where guests do not require an invitation- are significantly more likely to involve alcohol. Make sure guests are invited and make sure they leave before the parent-in-charge goes to bed.

**PARENTS WHO HOST LOSE THE MOST**  
Don't be a party to teenage drinking.  
It's against the law.



*Kerry Green of Little Ferry, NJ allegedly provided alcohol at a birthday party for her 16 year old daughter. Several teens became intoxicated. A 21 year old guest at the party allegedly raped one of the 15 year old girls. Green was charged criminally for her role.*



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# COOL IDEAS!

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**Keep Them Busy:** Parties need to be more than music and mingling. Provide enjoyable activities for kids to get involved in.

- Make it a game night
- Host a scavenger hunt
- Theme the party (food, costume etc.)
- Concoct alcohol free mixed drinks
- Karaoke night
- Big screen movie night

**Don't Be The "Cool" Parent:** Most kids don't want to drink and are looking to you to promote a safe social environment. Parents who promote or ignore underage drinking make it much harder on good kids who are trying to do the right thing.

It's easy to have fun without being drunk. As a good role model, you can teach kids how to have fun responsibly. That's just awesome!

## NEVER BE TOO COOL TO CALL FOR HELP!

Kids can be sneaky and you can't be everywhere at once. Do your best and don't be ashamed if you discover a problem. Call for help. The only mistake is **NOT** doing the responsible thing to prevent or address underage drinking.

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*14 year old Alexander Montgomery died after his mother allegedly allowed him to consume alcohol at a group event. Alex later fell into water and drowned.*



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