

Tips For Parents on Teen Drinking

- **ALCOHOL** is a **drug**. In fact, the most abused drug in America. Five times more teenagers die from alcohol-related causes than from all illegal drugs combined.
- **BINGE DRINKING** is especially dangerous to teenagers. Alcohol poisoning can be **fatal**.
- If your teenager is intoxicated, don't let him/her "sleep it off." Brain damage and even death can be the result. **Seek medical attention immediately!**
- **KNOW THE LAWS** – You cannot serve or purchase alcohol to/for anyone under 21 – nor can you give alcohol to your children's friends - even in your own home and with their parent's permission. You will be **breaking the law**.

PARTIES

- **YOUR TEEN HAVING A PARTY AT YOUR HOME** – Plan in advance. Know guest list and avoid 'open parties.' Set rules: no alcohol/drugs, no smoking, no leaving and returning, no gate crashers, lights will be left on. **KNOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES**. Be visible and aware. You are **LEGALLY LIABLE** for teens who drink in your home or for anything that may happen to a minor who has been served alcohol/drugs in your home.
- **YOUR TEEN GOING TO PARTY** Call the parents to make sure there will be parental supervision during the entire event and that no alcohol is allowed and/or will be served. Urge your teen **NEVER** to ride home with a driver who has been drinking.

Law enforcement has a **ZERO TOLERANCE** policy for teens who drink and drive. Violators will be fined or have their license suspended.

