



TENT TIPS FOR PARENTS

to deter underage drinking

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Know the Facts

Prom and graduation season, as well as the summer months, are deemed the most dangerous months for teens as such period contains the highest number of U.S. teen traffic crashes. (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration)

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Dangers

Drinking underage not only increases the chances of dependency later on in life, but also leads to short and long-term consequences, as well as leading to other risky behavior.

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Talk

Have open, thoughtful and on-going conversations with your teen about alcohol. Create clear family rules about alcohol use.

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Confidence

Instill self-confidence in your teen by talking to them about peer pressure. Assure them that they don't need alcohol to have fun.

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Civil Liability

In most cases, it is unlawful for parents to allow their children's friends to consume alcohol in their home. Parents or adults may face criminal charges later on if these same "friends" are involved in a crash.

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Structure

Be present in your teen's life. Share responsibilities and tasks with your teen. Give your child the opportunity to share their day's experiences.

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Be a Good Host

Host a teen party with clear guidelines of no drugs and alcohol. Make your presence known at the party.

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Role Model

Parents should be role models to their teens and make sure their *own* behavior is appropriate. Use alcohol moderately, serve as a responsible host and never drink and drive.

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Safety

Ensure your teens can talk to you if they make a mistake. Have a plan in place if your child *does* make the mistake of drinking alcohol and make sure they know to call 911 in the case of an emergency.

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The Law

The District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia all have zero tolerance laws, making it illegal to consume, possess or purchase alcohol under the age of 21.