



Know the Facts

In 2018, the months of May-August were the most dangerous months for teens as such period contains the highest number of U.S. teen traffic fatalities. (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration)



Talk with Your Teens

Have open, thoughtful and on-going conversations with your teen about alcohol. Create clear family rules about alcohol use. Ensure your teens can talk to you if they make a mistake. Make sure they know to call 911 in the case of an emergency.



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 could face criminal charges later on if these "friends" are involved in a crash.

The Washington Regional Alcohol Program presents

Tips for Parents To Prevent Underage Drinking



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.



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.



Obey 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.