

Parents Who Host LOSE the Most!

Don't Be a party to teenage drinking. It's against the law.

Hosting a party where alcohol is available for teens is a big mistake! In the United States, alcohol kills more than all other illegal drugs combined. Oakland County data shows that 34% of 12th graders binge drink and 60% have had alcohol in the past 30 days (*Greater West Bloomfield Community Coalition*).

Guidelines for Families of Teens Hosting a Party

Set the ground rules WITH your teen prior to the party

Alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs will not be permitted

Limit attendance and set a time limit for the party

Parents will be called if any teen appears to be under the influence before or during the party

Partygoers cannot leave and return

The party is restricted to a certain area of the house

Parent's role

Be present and monitor the situation often. Just being at home isn't enough.

Be alert to signs of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use. Do not let anyone drive under the influence

Avoid problems

Remove easy access to alcohol or other drugs in your home (including prescription medications)

Have plenty of food and non-alcoholic drinks on hand

Get to know your teen's friends and invite other parents to help chaperone

Know your liability

It is illegal to offer alcohol to guests under the age of 21 years or to allow drug use in your home. You may be brought to court on criminal charges and /or have to pay monetary damages in a civil suit

Monitor your house

Make sure your teen knows he/she is never to have a party if you are away.

Establish ways to monitor through neighbors, friends, and law enforcement.

Questions or Concerns? Contact a counselor or administrator