

FOR PARENTS—When Your Teen Is Going To A Party

Be sure you know where your teenagers will be

- Obtain the address and phone number of the party host/hostess.
- Know some of the other teens that will be at the party.
- Know the starting and ending time of the party.
- Have a contingency plan with your teen if they want to leave the party early or they are uncomfortable with their ride home.
- If you are not providing transportation, make sure you know whom your teen will be riding with and write down their cell number(s).

Contact the parents of the party-giver

- Verify the occasion, make sure the host parents are aware of the party
- Offer assistance. Offer to send food or help chaperone.
- Make sure that a parent will be home all night and that no alcohol or other drugs will be allowed.
- Leave the host parents phone numbers where you can be reached during the party.
- When you drop your teen off, wait to see that she/he is inside the house before leaving.
- If you don't know the host parents, stop in and introduce yourself.

In The Event That Alcohol Or Other Drugs Are Present At A Party

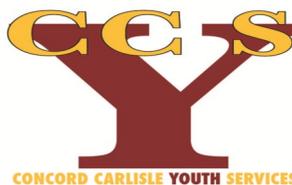
- Make it easy for your teen to leave. Prearrange for him/her to call you (or a designated adult for a ride home.) If your teen doesn't have a cell phone give them one so they have immediate private access to you.
- Establish a code word with your child in case your teen chooses to leave a party early. (i.e.: your child can call you and say, "why do I have to come home?" and your response can be, "I'm on my way. Where should I pick you up?")
- You might have an understanding that there will be no punishments or restrictions for a call letting you know things are getting out of hand.
- Remind your son or daughter that friendship includes dissuading a friend from drinking and driving.
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Be Awake When Your Teen Arrives Home

- Teens are creative in masking oral odors. Peanut butter, mints, mouthwash and sprays are frequently used.

Avoid Spontaneous "Sleep-overs" When Possible.

- If your teenager stays overnight with a friend after the party check with the parents of the friend to verify that:
 - They want your teen to stay over and they will be home.
 - You both agree on the length of the stay and other basic rules.



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