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An Important Message for Parents of Teenagers:

Did you know that hosting a party where alcohol is served to minors under the age of 21 is not only unwise, it is against the law?

The Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance wants you to know the facts about Host Liability laws in New Jersey. What you don't know could put you, your family, and your livelihood at serious risk!

FACT: It is a criminal offense in the state of New Jersey to serve alcohol to anyone under the legal age of 21.

FACT: It is a criminal offense in the state of New Jersey to make your home or property available for the purpose of allowing minors a place to consume alcohol.

FACT: New Jersey's Host Liability Law imposes civil penalties on social hosts who serve alcohol to minors who subsequently are involved in incidents causing death or injury.



Don't be a party to teenage drinking!

You could face criminal prosecution, a fine up to \$1,000 and/or 6 months in prison, or severe personal and financial consequences resulting from a civil lawsuit.

What Can Parents Do?

Acknowledge that teenage drinking is a serious health and safety concern. Taking the car keys away to avoid drunk driving accidents is not enough! Binge drinking can also result in alcohol poisoning, sexual assault, property damage, death. Refuse to supply alcohol to anyone under 21. Discuss your rules with your teen and explain host liability—its risks and consequences.

Be present when your teen is having a party. Make sure that alcohol and drugs are not brought into your home by anyone. Be sensitive to your teen's need for privacy, but understand that you have the right to know who is in your home and what is happening.

If you are going out of town, set house rules and communicate your expectations to your teen. Ask a responsible adult to stay at your home or check in on your teen during your absence. Encourage neighbors and friends to provide safe, alcohol-and drug-free entertainment.

Be a responsible parent and role model. Let's all lead by example.



PADA is a volunteer organization comprised of teens, parents, professionals, government officials, local school and university representatives, and other community stakeholders. We are dedicated to the reduction of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use/abuse through prevention, education, and community programming.

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