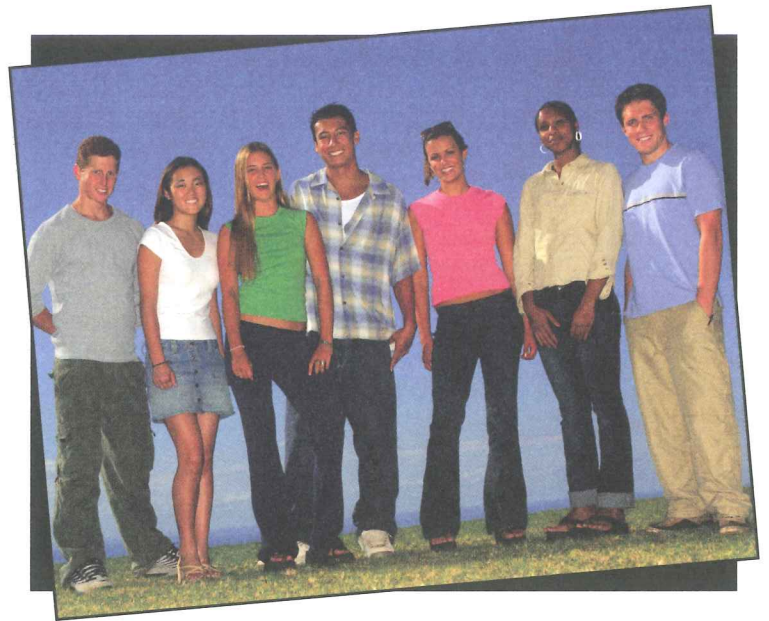


# PARENTS WHO HOST LOSE THE MOST™



Don't be  
a party to  
teenage  
drinking.

It's against  
the law.



## Suggestions for Parents

### *If your teen is giving a party*

- Help your teenager plan the party. Make a guest list and invite only a specific number of people.
- Have your child pass out or send invitations and try to avoid the “open party” situation.
- Don't send e-mail invitations. They can be forwarded to a large number of people quickly and you lose control of who has party information.
- Put your phone number on the invitation and welcome calls from parents.
- Set rules ahead of time, such as no alcohol, drugs or tobacco. Set a start and end time for the party.
- Let attendees know that if they leave the party, they can't come back.
- Have plenty of food and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Plan some activities such as music, games, movies, etc.
- Let your neighbors know in advance there will be a party and that you will be there to supervise.
- Limit the party access to a certain area of the house/property.
- Have a plan for dealing with vehicles. Include parking information on your party invitation.
- Call parents of any teen who arrives in possession of alcohol or under the influence. If you can't get in touch with the parents, keep the teen there or call the police if necessary. You may be civilly liable if you know a person has been drinking and you let him or her leave.

- Secure all forms of alcohol, firearms and other potentially hazardous items in your home in a safe place.
- Make regular and unobtrusive visits to the party area with sensitivity to teens' needs for privacy and independence.
- Invite some other parents to help chaperone if there will be a large number of teenagers.
- You can face a maximum fine of \$500 **for each** minor involved.

### *When you're away from home or out of town*

- Set and communicate rules and standards to be followed in your absence.
- Do not allow underage youth to have unsupervised parties or gatherings.
- Remind your children of their responsibilities and the consequences of their actions.
- Have a relative or responsible adult stay at your home during your absence, have your teenager stay with a responsible adult or ask a neighbor to watch the house and stop in while you are gone.
- If you are concerned that your child might have a party anyway, you can call your local police and ask them to drive by at some point over the time you are gone. Make it a point to tell your child that you have asked the police to do this.