

Remember

Alcohol
is a drug



Underage
Drinking
**IS AGAINST
THE LAW**

Resources:

**Communities Mobilizing for a
Change on Alcohol**

www.epi.umn.edu/alcohol

Youth Empowerment Network

www.youthempower.org

MADD Online

www.madd.org/under21

Alcohol & Teen Drinking

www.focusas.com/alcohol.html

NY State Liquor Authority:

Alcohol and Your Child,

Information Every Parent Should Have

[http://abc.state.ny.us/training/
alcoholandyourchild.pdf](http://abc.state.ny.us/training/alcoholandyourchild.pdf)

American Academy of Pediatrics
District II, Chapter 2
Committee on Youth and Adolescence



Teen Parties in your Home



- **What are the Legal Risks?**
- **Tips and Resources**

What Parents Should Know

Parents may be criminally or civilly liable if they:

- Organize a party where alcohol is provided to a minor
- Know that alcohol is being consumed by a minor at the home, but do nothing about it

- Have a party in the house where alcohol is consumed by a minor and as a result:

- » *Someone's property is damaged*
- » *Someone is injured*
- » *Someone is sexually assaulted*
- » *Someone gets into a fight*
- » *Someone leaves and gets into a car accident, is injured or injures someone else*
- » *Someone dies*



Facts About Teen Parties

- Parties get out of control very quickly!
- Teens network – Invitations spread quickly and are sent via online, e-mail, instant or text messaging, or word of mouth
- Teen parties often start late at night and move from house to house
- “Partying” often includes other drugs
- Alcohol impairs judgment
- Drinking often leads to:

SEX
RAPE
INJURIES
VIOLENCE
AND EVEN DEATH!



Tips for Parents

If you are hosting a teen party:

- Do not allow alcohol (including beer and wine coolers) to be consumed
- Know who the guests will be and limit the number
- A responsible adult should always be present

If your teen attends a party:

- Know where your teen is going and with whom
- Set reasonable curfews
- Arrange safe transportation to and from a party
- Be available, just in case!

In general:

- Discuss ground rules beforehand
- Don't be intimidated when your teen says “all the other parents let them do it”
- Build a community network of parents, school and community groups to discuss safety issues and substance abuse

