

# PARENTS WHO HOST LOSE THE MOST™



Don't be a party to teenage drinking.

It's against the law.

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## April is Alcohol Awareness month!

# What does it cost to be #1?

### Did you Know?

- **32% of students in Grades 5-9 drank 5 or more drinks in a row, at least once, in the last 30 days.**
- **Medical authorities define binge drinking as consuming 5 or more drinks in a row**
- **49% of students in Grades 9-12 drank at least once in the past 30 days**

*Be a great role model:  
be moderate in your use of alcohol.*

## The Cost of Drinking in Wisconsin

The cost of alcohol use and abuse of alcohol by teens is high. Every year teens are injured or killed in alcohol related accidents. **Underage drinking in Wisconsin costs over \$1 Billion per year:**

- Almost \$600 million from violence involving youth ( including sexual assault)
- Over \$300 million from traffic crashes involving youth

**Our drinking culture is reflected in our crime statistics as well:**

- 80% of people in jails or prisons in Wisconsin had alcohol

or drug involvement

- 65% of all arrests were people under the influence at the time of the arrest
- Wisconsin's criminal justice system costs \$890 million per year.
- Total incarcerated in Minnesota: 9573 at a cost of \$438 Million.
- Total incarcerated in Wisconsin: 22,690 at a cost of \$890 Million.

**Fatal motor vehicle crashes** involving alcohol resulted in 313 deaths in 2007—41% of all fatal crashes.

**Suicide** is the third leading cause of death among youth. More than 1 in 4 suicides among youth aged 9 to 15 can be directly attributed to or are related to alcohol use.

For more information, visit the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration National Clearing House web site: <http://ncadi.samhsa.gov/>

For more help in finding information contact Cynthia DiCamelli,

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## Safe Post-Prom Parties

### Parents Who Host Coalition Partners

Village of Oregon

Oregon Police

Fitchburg Police

Brooklyn Police

Oregon School District

Prom is one of the most common times for kids to be exposed to alcohol. **Here are some suggestions for keeping your teen safe:**

- **Know where your teen will be.** Call the parent to verify the location of the party and that there will be an adult there
- **Offer to help supervise** or provide refreshments

- **Ask** how the host will handle the situation if a teen shows up with alcohol
- **Know** how your teen is getting to and from the party, but let them know you will pick them up if they need you.
- **Let the host know** that you want to be called if your teen leaves the party to go somewhere else

- **Talk to your teen** about your expectations. Help your teen with strategies to turn down alcohol.

- **Set a curfew** and have your teen check in with you when they arrive home.

For more ideas, go to <http://www.family.samhsa.gov/set/underage.aspx>