

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

*How can you help?
Be a great role model in your use of alcohol.*

Parents Who Host Coalition Partners

Village of Oregon

Oregon Police

Fitchburg Police

Brooklyn Police

Oregon School District

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.

- Total incarcerated in Minnesota: 9573 at a cost of \$438 Million.
- Total incarcerated in Wisconsin: 22,690 at a cost of \$890 Million.
- 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.

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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So What is Garaging?

Do you know Emily? Click here: <http://tinurl.com/Emilvaoda>

Now that Spring is here, many of us are stocking the refrigerator in the garage again. It seems perfectly harmless, doesn't it? You can grab a cold one when you've finished mowing the lawn and not track dirt and grass into the kitchen. Pretty convenient.

Unfortunately it's pretty convenient for kids, too. They tell us they go "garaging" when they want beer. That means they know who's got beer in their garage refrigerator and if the garage is unlocked.

You might not even notice the beer is missing. One beer taken from each of 10 or 12 garages in the neighborhood is a lot of beer for two or three 10 to 14 year olds.

You can prevent garaging:

- Keep all the doors to your garage locked.
- Ask all your neighbors to lock up, too (even if they don't have kids)
- Make sure you know where your child is and what he or she is doing. Have them check in when they come home.