



Don't be a party to teenage drinking.

It's against the law.

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April is Alcohol Awareness month!

Teens and Alcohol

Show Your Support!

We have a limited number of yard signs with our "Parents who Host Lose the Most" logo. Would you put one in your yard to let your neighbors know that you support alcohol-free parties for teens!

For your sign, contact Cynthia DiCamelli,

835-4052 or cad@oregonsd.org

Thank your teen for making healthy choices!

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This is a Teen's Brain on Alcohol...

For the past couple of weeks we've been learning about Wisconsin's culture of alcohol use and abuse and how that may impact your teen's access to alcohol. Now we'll look at how alcohol affects teens. You may be surprised that teens aren't "mini-adults" when it comes to alcohol consumption.

Your teen's brain is undergoing a major developmental process—just as it did during the toddler years. As a result, teens have a preference for low-effort, high-excitement activities. Teens are

frequently prone to moodiness and have a "short fuse" that results in unexpected outbursts of anger. At this time teens are also less likely to plan ahead or think about future results of their actions, sometimes leading to increased risk taking.

Under the influence of alcohol, many of these adverse behaviors increase. Alcohol also affects teens differently than adults. For example, teens have:

- **Reduced sensitivity** to impairment effects
- **Less hangover** effects

- **Rapid development of tolerance**
- **Increased likelihood of risk taking** and decreased inhibitions
- **Greater adverse effects on cognitive functioning and learning**

Clearly parent play a critical and protective role during this period. Need more information? Visit <http://tinurl.com/c281f9>

For more help in finding information contact Cynthia DiCamelli, Family Resource Coordinator
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What Does the Law say?

Adults knowingly who provide alcohol to underage youth should be aware that it is illegal, unsafe and unhealthy for anyone under age 21 to drink alcohol. Here are some of the legal ramifications:

- Parents who give alcohol to their teen's friends **are breaking the law** and everything associated with the violation **can be confis-**

cated, including personal property

- **Parents can be sued if they give alcohol** to anyone under 21 and they hurt themselves, someone else or damage property.

Parents can protect themselves from legal entanglements by:

- **Hosting alcohol-free parties especially during prom** and

graduation seasons and be a visible presence

- **Calling the parents** of anyone who appears to be under the influence
- **Calling the police** if necessary
- **Not allowing anyone** appearing under the influence to leave alone.



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