



**Parents can have the best intentions when they allow their teen to have a party in their home, but permitting underage drinking is a big mistake. Teen drinking is illegal and unsafe.**

## **THINGS YOU CAN DO AS A PARENT**

1. **Refuse to supply alcohol** to anyone under 21, including your own child.
2. **Know the laws.** Serving alcohol to minors is illegal and can result in **stiff penalties**, including up to **90 day in jail** and up to a **\$1,000 fine**. In addition, parents **can be sued** if they give alcohol to a teen and the teen is injured in any way.  
**Taking car keys is never enough!**
3. **Be at home** when your teen has a party - and be visible. Make sure that alcohol is not brought into your home or on your property by anyone under the age of 21.
4. **Talk to other parents** about not providing alcohol at parties and other events your child will be attending. Call parents having parties in their homes to determine if the party is supervised and alcohol-free.
5. **Create alcohol-free activities** in your home for your teen and his/her friends.
6. **Create alcohol-free activities** for teens in your community.
7. **Report underage drinking** to local law enforcement officials.

**A message from the Chippewa Valley Coalition for Youth and Families –  
Joining school and community in promoting safe and drug-free youth and supporting families.**

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