

CHILDREN SHOULD LIVE TO SEE THE SUNRISE

TELL THEM TO "THINK. DON'T DRINK."

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND ADULTS (A Project Prom Graduation Guide)



The goal of Project Prom/Graduation is to prevent injuries, trauma, and deaths related to the use of alcohol or other drugs by young people. Please join together in supporting safe, healthy and drug-free celebrations by following the guidelines on this page.

1. Do not allow or condone "keggers" or any unsupervised parties. A united effort by parents and other adults can decrease their occurrence.
2. Communicate with other parents regarding parties. Set rules ahead of time. These should include:
 - No use of alcohol and any other drugs.
 - No leaving the party and returning.
 - No party crashing
 - Adult chaperones present and visible at all times

Don't feel awkward sharing your thoughts with other parents, as you may find out that they have the same concerns about what is planned.

1. Encourage attendance at planned post-prom and graduation parties that are free from alcohol and other drugs. This will keep young people together and avoid "bar hopping" and attending unsupervised parties. In addition, forbid hotel/motel parties.
2. Insist that you are made aware of your son's or daughter's whereabouts at all times. Call the person in charge of the activity your youth is planning to attend. Verify and/or volunteer to help with supervision of the activity. Ask questions regarding the location and supervision, and be sure there will be no alcohol or other drugs present.
3. On prom night, as well as any night your child is away from home, make certain that your son or daughter knows how to reach you. Be awake or wakened when he/she returns.
4. Do not serve alcohol (beer, wine, wine coolers, and liquor) to minors in your home. It is against the law to serve alcohol to minors regardless of whether or not they will be driving! As parents, you are liable when a minor child is involved in a crash with the family car (NE. Sect, 48-801). In addition, parents are responsible for minors using alcohol in their home and may be brought to court on criminal charges and/or for monetary damages in the case of a civil suit when alcohol or other drugs are used by minors on your private property (Sect. 28-709).
5. If you are a host parent, call the parents of anyone possessing alcohol or other drugs, or appearing to be under the influence of either. Be a visible host or hostess. Tell guest who choose to leave the activity that they may not return.
6. Communicate definite guidelines to your children. There may be protests, but make it clear that they simply must bear the burden of your love!
7. Be aware of the LAWS regarding alcohol. The legal drinking age in Nebraska and Iowa (and all states) is 21 years.

KNOW THE LAW

MINOR IN POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL

This is a class III misdemeanor - punishable by up to 3 months in jail, a \$500 fine, or both.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL

The first conviction provides for 7-60 days in jail, a 6-month driver's license revocation and a \$200 - \$500 fine. Subsequent offenses provide for greater penalties. Causing serious bodily injury while driving under the influence is now a Class IV felony in Nebraska, with up to 5 years in jail.

.02 BAC (BLOOD/ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION)

In Nebraska, drivers under the age of 21 who have a Blood Alcohol Concentration of .02 can have their licenses impounded. A reinstatement fee will be imposed.

ALR (ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSE REVOCATION)

In Nebraska, any driver cited for driving under the influence of alcohol loses his/her driver's license on the spot for 90 days. In addition, in Omaha, anyone sponsoring a gathering of 5 or more underage persons where even one underage person illegally possessing or consuming alcohol, can also be fined up to \$500.

SUPPLYING ALCOHOL TO A MINOR

This is a Class I misdemeanor - punishable by up to 1 year in jail, a \$1000 fine, or both.



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