

PROJECT PROM/GRADUATION

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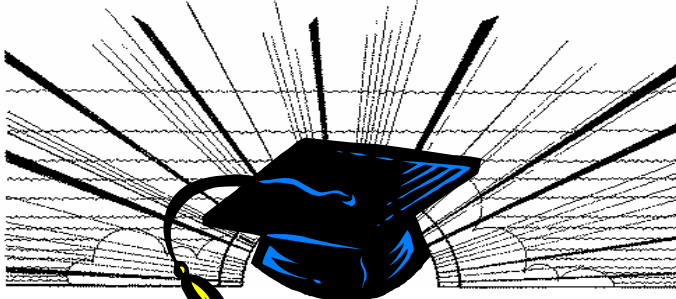
Report teen alcohol parties before they occur

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ANYONE who provides alcohol or other drugs to minors.

**Call the M.I.P. Hotline
393-4444**

LIVE TO SEE THE SUNRISE



**THINK
Don't DRINK.**

Project
Prom/Graduation

**A Guide
For Parents
And Adults**

**The goal of
Project Prom/Graduation
is to prevent injuries and deaths
related to the use of
alcohol and other drugs
by young people.**

**Please join together in supporting
safe, healthy, and drug-free
celebrations by following
the guidelines on this page.**



**Be aware of the LAWS regarding alcohol.
The minimum legal drinking age
everywhere in the US is 21 years.**

Minor in Possession of Alcohol

Class III misdemeanor—punishable by up to three months in jail, a \$500 fine, or both.

Driving Under the Influence

First conviction provides for 7-60 days in jail, a six-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, with up to five years in jail.

.02 BAC

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 five or more underage persons where even one underage person is illegally possessing or consuming alcohol, can also be fined up to \$500.

Supplying Alcohol to a Minor

Class I misdemeanor—punishable by up to one year in jail, a \$1,000 fine, or both.

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO!

1. Do not allow or condone “keggers” or any unsupervised parties. A united effort by parents can decrease their occurrence.
2. Communicate with other parents regarding parties during the prom and graduation period. Set rules ahead of time.

These rules should include:

- ✦ No use of alcohol and 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 they have the same concerns about what is planned.***

3. Encourage attendance at planned post-prom and graduation parties which 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.
4. Insist that you be made aware of your child'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.
5. On prom night, as well as any night your child is away from home, make sure your son or daughter knows how to reach you. Stay awake or be awakened when your child returns home.
6. Do not serve alcohol (beer, wine, wine coolers, 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 an accident with the family car (*Sect. 43-801*). In addition, parents are responsible for minors using alcohol in their home and may be brought to court on criminal charges and/or monetary damages in the case of a civil suit when alcohol and other drugs are used by minors on your private property (*Sect. 28-709*).
7. If you are a host parent, call the parents of anyone possessing alcohol or other drugs, or appearing to be under the influence. Be a visible host or hostess. Tell guests who choose to leave the activity that they may not return.
8. Communicate definite guidelines to your children. They may protest, but make it clear that they simply must bear the burden of your love!