

Tips for Parents

Here are some pointers to help keep your children safe from the consequences of underage drinking:

- ✓ Your actions and attitudes about alcohol use can have a dramatic impact on your children. Your drinking habits and those of your guests will be seen - and remembered - by the children.
- ✓ Clearly identify and carefully store all alcoholic beverages in your home just as you do with other potentially dangerous household substances.
- ✓ Keep alcoholic beverages out of reach of your children. Empty drinking glasses and store liquor bottles immediately after a party before an unwitting youngster drinks potentially dangerous leftovers.
- ✓ Support the Stratford Police Department's enforcement of local ordinances and state laws and the Stratford Public Schools' policies regarding underage drinking.
- ✓ Give your children a consistent "no use until you are 21" message about alcohol. Know where your children are, whom they are with, and that they are supervised. Research shows that clear rules and parental interest steers youth away from illegal alcohol use.
- ✓ Uphold the law. Don't drink and drive. Don't serve alcohol to minors in your home.

Source: Connecticut Coalition To Stop Underage Drinking