



## WHEN YOUR TEEN IS GIVING A PARTY



### **PLAN IN ADVANCE**

Check party plans with your teen and know the guest list. If you agree with who is invited, you can curb the "open party" situation.



### **SET A TIME LIMIT**

Set a definite start and ending - not too long. Consider daytime parties instead of evening ones or plan an activity such as swimming, skating or renting movies.



### **AGREE TO THE RULES AHEAD OF TIME**

Examples are no tobacco, alcohol or other drug use, no leaving the party and then returning, no uninvited guests, rooms that are off limits, etc.



### **KNOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES**

The responsible adult at a teenage party is visible and aware. It is illegal for you to provide alcohol/other drugs to minors. You are legally responsible for anything that may happen to a minor who has been served alcohol/other drugs in your home.



### **INVITE ANOTHER PARENT OR COUPLE OVER**

Other adults are company for you during a long evening and can be of help with problems. As parents drive teens to your house, consider inviting them in to meet you.



## WHEN YOUR TEEN IS GOING TO A PARTY



### **CHECK THE PARTY PLANS BEFOREHAND WITH YOUR TEEN**

Know where your teen is going and with whom. Call the parent hosting the party and introduce yourself, confirm plans and offer assistance. When taking teens to a party, wait to see that they enter the home before leaving. You could also introduce yourself at this time if you do not know the family.



### **MAKE IT EASY FOR YOUR TEEN TO LEAVE A PARTY**

If there is alcohol/other drug use or any reason that your teen wishes to leave the party, make an arrangement that your teen can call you to come and pick him/her up. Urge your teen NEVER to ride home with a driver who has been drinking. You might have an understanding that there will be no punishments or restrictions for a call letting you know that things are getting out of control.



### **BE UP TO GREET YOUR TEEN WHEN HE OR SHE COMES HOME FROM A PARTY**

This can be a great opportunity to talk with your child about the party, their friends, or other issues that may come up.



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