



Party Guide for Parents

When Your Teen is Giving a Party

Plan in advance. Check party plans with your teens and know who the guests will be. When you agree on who is to be invited, you can curb the “open party” situation. Set definite limits on numbers. Plan activities: movies, dancing, sports, games, etc.

- _____ Teen Initials _____ Parent Initials

Agree to the rules ahead of time. The rules should include:

- No drugs – including alcohol or tobacco.
- No leaving the party and returning.
- No gate crashers. Only those invited attend.
- Some rooms in your home are off limits. Rooms _____

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Know your responsibilities and verbalize them to your teen. The responsible adult at a teenager’s party must be visible and aware. Remember, it is illegal to serve, provide, or allow the use of alcohol including beer, wine, and wine coolers to anyone under the age of 21. You are liable to both criminal charges and monetary damages in a civil lawsuit if you furnish alcohol to a minor.

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Anyone who leaves the party should not be allowed to return. This discourages teens from leaving with the intent of drinking or using other drugs in their cars or elsewhere and then returning to the party.

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Welcome calls from other parents. Discuss the party arrangements including:

- start and end time of the party.
- other teens who are invited.
- what’s the occasion and planned activities.
- invite parents to attend if they want.
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Notify your neighbors beforehand that a party is being given and will be supervised. Offer to help barricade tree lawns to avoid damage to grass from parked cars. Let neighbors know your start and end times for the party. Ask neighbors to contact you immediately if your party or partygoers are causing them trouble.

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Notify police when you are giving a large party.

- Check to see if there are parking restrictions to comply with.
- Give police your phone number in case of complaints.
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Discuss the party afterwards with your teenager. Share your observations and possible frustrations. Make a list of those teens you would like back as well as those who you do not want to return.

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