

**YOUTH WHO ARE DRINKING BEFORE AGE 15** are four times more likely to become dependent - 50 times more likely to use cocaine.

**DEATH RATE** for 15 to 24 year olds is higher today than it was 20 years ago. The leading cause of death is drunk or drugged driving.

**IT IS ILLEGAL** to make alcohol available to minors.

**IT IS ILLEGAL** to host or allow teen drinking parties in your home.

**IT IS ILLEGAL**, unhealthy and unacceptable for anyone under the age of 21 to possess alcohol.

**IT IS ILLEGAL**, unsafe and unacceptable for ANYONE to drink and drive.

**PARENTS CAN BE PROSECUTED** under the law.

**PARENTS CAN BE SUED** and their salaries and personal property garnished.

**THOSE  
WHO HOST  
LOSE  
THE MOST**™



Don't be  
a party to  
**teenage  
drinking.**

It's against  
the law.

\*An adolescent may become addicted to alcohol in as little as 6 to 18 months. The adolescent's central nervous system and brain are not fully developed and are especially sensitive to alcohol and other drugs. Addiction happens much faster.

\*The risk of alcohol dependency decreases by 14% with each year drinking is delayed after the age of 15. Research shows that the longer you delay the onset of alcohol use with a young person, the less likely they are to experience problems with use later in life.

\*Youth who are drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to become dependent than those who wait until age 21.

\*Youth who drink are 50 times more likely to use cocaine and 7.5 times more likely to use any illicit drug than young people that never drink alcohol.

\*The U.S. Surgeon General reports that life expectancy has improved in the U.S. over the past 75 years for every age group except one. The death rate for 15 to 24 year olds is higher today than it was 20 years ago. The leading cause of death is drunk and drugged driving.

\*Twenty-four percent of 8th graders and 51% of high school seniors reported using alcohol in the past 30 days. Almost half of these 8th graders and nearly 65% of the seniors were drunk in the past 30 days. Less than 22% of seniors perceived drinking two or three alcoholic drinks every day to be a great risk.

\*2.6 million teenagers don't know that a person can die from an alcohol overdose.

**WHY  
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**PLEASE REPORT VIOLATIONS!** Call your local or county law enforcement.