



ALLEN COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE

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Dear Parents,

Prom and graduation season is an exciting time for students and parents alike. These celebrations are exciting for everyone; but alcohol, too frequently, is included in the celebration. **This letter is to remind you that it is against the law to serve alcohol to people under age 21.**

During prom and graduation season some otherwise well-meaning parents believe they are providing a "safe" environment if they take away the car keys and allow their child's friends to drink alcohol in their home. If you are planning to host a party during prom and graduation season, don't serve alcohol to your child, or your child's friends. Hosting a party at which teenagers consume alcohol can be costly.

Here are the facts every parent should know:

- Parents should not serve alcohol to their children's friends who are under the age of 21. It is illegal, even with parental permission.
- Parents who allow a person under 21 to remain in their home or on their property, while consuming or possessing alcoholic beverages, can be prosecuted. Everything associated with such a violation can be confiscated, including personal property such as: home entertainment system, refrigerator, etc.
- You can be sued if you give alcohol to anyone under 21 and they in turn hurt someone, hurt themselves, or damage property.
- It is illegal, unsafe, and unhealthy for anyone under 21 to drink alcohol.

Here's what every parent can do:

- Refuse to supply alcohol to children in your home or on your property;
- Be at home when your teenager has a party; and
- Make sure that your teenager's friends do not bring alcohol into your home.

Please don't be a party to underage drinking. It's against the law!

Respectfully,

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