

Tips for Parents from Putnam CTC



If your child is going to a party:

- Find out where the party is being held
- Call the parents of the party-giver. Confirm an adult will be there and no alcohol will be served.
- Find out how your child is getting to and from the party.
- Set a curfew for your child.
- If your child wants to sleep over, make sure you talk to the parents to verify that your child will be staying over and won't be leaving the house.
- Be up to greet your teen when they come home.

If you are hosting a party:

- Set ground rules with your child.
- Pick an area in the house where you can maintain supervision.
- Limit the number of attendees and set a time limit.
- Have plenty of food and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Make sure that at least one or adults are present to supervise.
- Do not allow teens to come and go. Once you're in, you stay for the entire party.
- Avoid easy access to your liquor and medications. Lock them up.
- Don't allow teens to bring backpacks or water bottles into your home. (easy place to hide alcohol)
- Call the parent of any teen who arrives at the party drunk or impaired.
- If that child has a car, take their keys.



Social Host Law – If you allow underage youth to drink alcohol in your home, you may be subject to up to one year in jail, a \$3,000 fine and reimbursement for all law enforcement services.



Graduation parties = mobile parties

Graduation party - Alcohol Free – removes any potential problems & liability

Graduation party – Alcohol – keep liquor in a contained area with constant adult supervision

If an underage youth gets intoxicated at your party and either hurts himself, someone else or destroys property, you will be civilly liable.



Summertime = Risk Taking Behaviors By Teens

Year in and year out, one fact remains the same - more teens smoke marijuana for the first time in June and July than any other months of the year.

Here are some great resources to help you with your conversation about marijuana with your teen - <http://www.drugfree.org/MJTalkKit/> and <https://learnaboutsam.org/the-issues/big-marijuana-claims-vs-the-science/>

Parent accountability is the key. Teens whose parents talk to them regularly about drugs and alcohol are 42% less likely to use those substances, than those teens whose parents do not!