

Dear Parents and Guardians,



As we transition to spring and summer, our local teenagers are presented with opportunities to gather and celebrate their accomplishments. Underage alcohol use may show up around prom, graduation, and class trips. We ask that you would do your part in keeping area teens safe. We encourage you to celebrate the accomplishments of local students while paying close attention to their safety. You can be held legally responsible for the actions of any underage drinking or drug use in your home.

***“Graduation marks a pivotal milestone—a celebration of hard work, growth, and new beginnings. It’s our collective responsibility to help ensure that this moment is remembered for all the right reasons, free from the dangers of underage drinking and other substance use.”***

*Corey Hebner, Michigan State Police Community Service Trooper*

Furnishing alcohol or drugs related to an overdose also carries severe legal penalties.

Alcohol - Furnishing a Place for Consumption or Possession, MCL 436.1913(1), a 1-Year, \$1,000 Misdemeanor

Alcohol - Furnishing to a Minor (First Offense), MCL 436.1701(1), a 60-Day, \$1,000 Misdemeanor

Alcohol - Furnishing to a Minor Causing Death, MCL 436.1701(2), a 10-Year, \$5,000 Felony

### What You Can Do

- Set clear rules and let your child know underage drinking is not acceptable
- Share your standards with family and your child’s friends’ parents
- Enforce the rules you set
- Make sure alcohol isn’t available at teen parties in your home

### Be a Positive Role Model

- If you drink yourself, drink responsibly
- Get help if you think you have an alcohol-related problem
- Do not give alcohol to your teens. Tell them any alcohol in your home is off limits to them and their friends
- Lock up any alcohol in your home

## Facts about Underage Drinking Every Parent Should Know!

Parents are the number one reason why children decide not to drink. — SAMHSA Talk. They Hear You.

Permissive attitudes toward teen drinking—such as allowing drinking at home—are linked with higher levels of alcohol use and increased risk of alcohol-related problems. — Livingston et al., 2010

Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death for teens, and about 25% of fatal teen crashes involve an underage drinking driver.  
— NHTSA Teen Driver Safety Facts

**Thank you for  
helping us  
keep teens  
substance-  
free!**

