

Montgomery County
Keeping It SAFE: Under Twenty-one Alcohol Prevention Coalition
Under 21 alcohol use is illegal, unhealthy, and unacceptable

Suspicion With A Smile ☺
When can adolescents have access to alcohol?
Ingredients: idle time, opportunity, money

What is a party? When 2 or more are gathered together.
When do you become more alert? When 2 or more are gathered together.
When is a party not a party? When 2 or more are gathered together.

January:

New Years Eve
Friday and Saturday nights
End of the semester, test days
Martin Luther King Day
Super Bowl weekend
No school days

February:

Valentines Day
Friday and Saturday nights
Presidents' Days
Early Release Days

March:

St. Patrick's Day
Friday and Saturday nights
End of the marking period
March madness
Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras

April:

Proms
Friday and Saturday nights
Spring Break
Report cards distributed
Senior Banquet

May:

Cinco de Mayo
Proms
Friday and Saturday nights
Memorial Day
Skip days
End of semester for seniors, test days

June:

Graduations
Friday and Saturday nights
End of school year
Beach week
Summer vacations
Family celebrations
Weddings

July:

4th of July
Friday and Saturday nights
Family celebrations
Summer vacations
Summer concerts

August:

Friday and Saturday nights
Family celebrations
Summer vacations
Just before school starts
Start of college
Pledge week

September:

Labor Day
Friday and Saturday nights
Half days
Early release days

October:

Friday and Saturday nights
Homecoming
Some religious holidays
Halloween
No school days
Skip days
End of the first marking periods

November:

Friday and Saturday nights
Wednesday before Thanksgiving
Thanksgiving
Family Celebrations
Early release days

December:

Friday and Saturday nights
Home from college
Some religious holidays
Family Celebrations
Winter break

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Scenarios: practice at home adult and youth

Develop a code word/signal that means “please come get me” or plans have changed, no questions asked!

1. What would you do if you find alcohol?
2. What would you do with uninvited guests?
3. What would you do if a fight breaks out?
4. What would you do if a child arrives high on alcohol or other drugs or if the other parent or driver arrives high on alcohol or other drugs?
5. What would you do if you smelled marijuana?
6. What would you do with a broken curfew?
7. What will you do if your friend is impaired by alcohol or other drugs and they are the driver of the vehicle? How will you get home?

Tip: Post your rules and consequences on the refrigerator where all can see to maintain consistency.

★ Parent Resources:

- **SAFEline: 301-670-SAFE (7233)**-Montgomery County MD.

Adult Host Responsibility Anonymous tip line:

1. To Report: underage (under 21) drinking, underage drinking party to take place, adults selling alcohol to youth, adults furnishing or serving alcohol to youth and
2. To request assistance when planning an under 21 alcohol free event or occasion.

- **SAFEnet: Internet**, online newsletter providing information about alcohol related issues, and under 21 alcohol use issues. To receive the newsletter send an email to safenet@montgomerycountymd.gov; “ sign me up” in the subject line

- **Web sites:**

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/kis
www.family.samhsa.gov
www.wrap.org
www.centurycouncil.org
www.madd.org
www.why21.org
www.thecoolspot.gov
www.camy.org
www.stopalcoholabuse.gov
www.toosmarttostart.samhsa.gov
www.asklistenlearn.org
www.manyvoicessmartchoices.org

www.alcoholscreening.org
www.smahsa.gov
www.al-anon.alateen.org
www.nacoa.org
www.alcoholscreening.org
www.aa.org
www.infomontgomery.org
www.mdcsf.org (MD Comm. Serv. Locator)

Teen parenting no different than toddler parenting

- Being a responsible parent never changes
- Still need to do age appropriate activities
- Still need to provide a safe environment

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