

Tips For Hosting Teen Parties

- ✓ Utilize a location that has clear entrances and exits, such as your home or a community center. If there are multiple exits, block off all exits you do not want used or utilize other chaperones to block the exits.
- ✓ Work with your teen to decide on a guest list ahead of time. Set a limit to the number of people that may attend and make a contingency plan for politely turning away party-crashers. It may be helpful to use the phrase "by invitation only" on the invitation and by the entrance.
- ✓ On the event invitation, clearly state the beginning and ending time, what to bring and what NOT to bring.
- ✓ Ask teens to leave purses or backpacks in their locked cars or at the front door. Assure them they will be safe in a designated location.
- ✓ Discourage teens from going back and forth from your home to their car.
- ✓ Lock up any alcohol in your home before the party. Ask adults that may be attending the party to leave their alcohol at home for the event.
- ✓ Provide plenty to keep them entertained. Utilize the television, swimming pool, video games, karaoke machine, etc. Remember, different things may entertain different teens.
- ✓ Provide plenty of space for them to just "hang out" comfortably where you can see them but not "hover" over them.
- ✓ Utilize single-serve cans instead of disposable cups. DO NOT use a punch bowl or pitchers.
- ✓ Monitor behavior by circulating around the home and interacting with teens. If you are suspicious of any particular person, don't single them out. Work with your teen ahead of time to agree upon a course of action should such a situation arise.
- ✓ Never let a teen that you believe to be impaired leave your home.



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