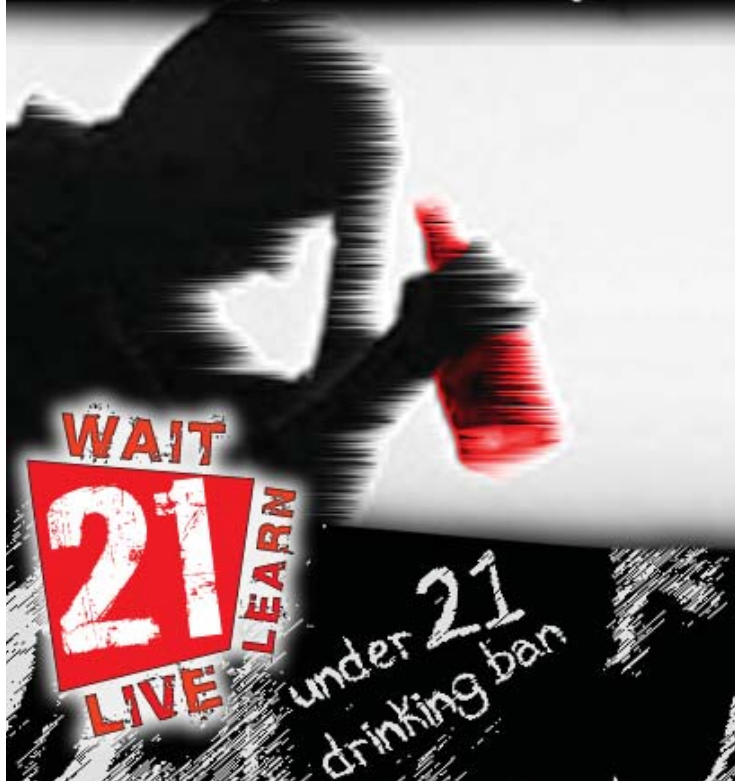


**DO YOU KNOW WHAT  
YOUR TEENAGERS  
ARE DOING  
WHEN YOU'RE NOT AROUND?**



**SEE IT.  
HEAR IT.  
TALK ABOUT IT.**



**UNDERAGE DRINKING & PREVENTION...**

**Everyone Plays a Part**

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## PARENTS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

No parent wants to think of their child as one of the thousands of teens who drink—or about all the things that can happen when they do. Still, by the time they're in their senior year of high school, four out of five teens have consumed alcohol, and adolescents who drink are likely to be heavy drinkers or binge drinkers.

Research shows that when parents communicate their expectations for their children to abstain from alcohol, teens and pre teens are far less likely to drink.

## PARENTS NEED TO COMMUNICATE TO YOUTH THAT:

- Underage drinking is against the law.
- Using alcohol is risky and unnecessary.
- Lots of smart, cool people choose not to use alcohol.

As a parent, you cannot give alcohol to your teen's friends under the age of 21 under any circumstances, even in your own home, even with their parent's permission. You cannot knowingly allow a person under 21, other than your own child, to remain in your home or on your property while consuming or possessing alcohol.

**If you break the law:** You can face a maximum sentence of six months in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine. Others can sue you if you give alcohol to anyone under 21, and they, in turn, hurt someone, hurt themselves or damage property. Officers can take any alcohol, money or property used in committing the offense.

## THINGS YOU CAN DO AS A PARENT:

- Be at home when your teen has a party.
- Make sure that alcohol is not brought into your home or property by your teen's friends.
- Talk to other parents about not providing alcohol at other events your child will be attending.
- Create alcohol-free opportunities and activities in your home so teens will feel welcome.
- Report underage drinking by calling the anonymous, toll-free hotline at 1-877-4-MINORS.

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