

## Liquor Facts

Three teens are killed each day when they drink alcohol and drive. At least six more die every day from other alcohol-related causes.

It is illegal to give alcohol to your child's friends who are under 21.

It is illegal to permit minors to consume alcohol on property that you own, which includes your boat, motor home, undeveloped property, cabin, automobile, rental property or house.

Parents can be arrested and criminally charged for providing a place for minors to consume alcohol. (RCW 66.44.270)

Alcohol interferes with brain development through young adulthood, inhibiting short-term memory function and learning.

## Insurance Facts

You can be liable for accidents on your property whether you are home or not.

Intentional acts include vandalism, fist fights, date rape, even possibly the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases. (There is no insurance coverage.)

If your child is driving the "family car" you can be found liable for damages caused by your child.

Children do not have to be 18 to be sued; they can be of any age.

If your liability insurance isn't enough, you could lose everything.

You and your child can be held liable for minors in hotel rooms reserved under your credit card.



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Parents are the most important influence in a child's life

Research shows that parents are central to preventing teen drug use. In fact, kids themselves say that losing their parents' trust and respect are the most important reasons not to use drugs. As a parent, your actions matter. When you suspect, or know, that your child has been drinking or using drugs, take action to stop it as soon as you can. It may be the most important step you ever take.

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# Warning!

## Student Parties

Protect yourself and your children



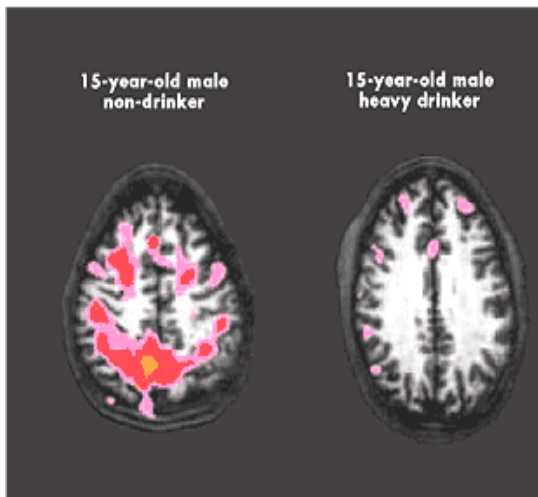
Know the facts

- **Thousands** of students die every year because of underage drinking.
- You, as a parent or guardian, can be held liable.
- Your child can be held liable.

**Open for more details!**

## Did you know?

- Alcohol suppresses neural activity – interferes with the chemical messages throughout the brain – especially in the hippocampus.
- Alcohol inhibits the development of new memories and inhibits learning in the adolescent & young-adult brain (but not in the mature adult brain.)



Even after two weeks of NO drinking, the effects are evident in the brain scan on the right.

### ALCOHOL

**Alcohol** can damage every organ in your body. It is absorbed directly into your bloodstream and can increase your risk for a variety of life-threatening diseases, including cancer.

### MARIJUANA

Smoking **pot** can lead to anxiety, panic attacks, depression, and paranoia-and those problems don't improve over time. Sixty percent of teenagers in drug treatment programs are there because of marijuana.

## To The Student:

### *Know the facts! Make decisions that protect your brain and your life.*

- If you are found to have an alcohol concentrate of only .02, you are guilty of an alcohol misdemeanor and your driver's license will be suspended!
- If you attend a party where there is alcohol, even if you don't drink, you can be charged with minor in possession and you can lose your license for one year.
- If you are found to be driving under the influence of alcohol with an alcohol concentrate of .08 (can be as little as two beers) you will:
  - Serve at least one day in jail.
  - Pay fines at least \$685.00
  - Pay for and undergo an alcohol evaluation.
  - Your insurance will skyrocket.
  - You will be on probation for up to 5 years.

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## Parents: Take Action

- Get to know your child's friends. Meet their parents.
- Communicate to your child what you stand to lose if they host an unchaperoned party.
- Secure your alcohol, prescription drugs and firearms.
- Instruct older siblings, cousins, and friends not to purchase alcohol for younger children.
- Make house rules.
- Include the four *W's* in your communication with your child. *Who, What, When & Where.*
- Trust your gut feeling! If it doesn't feel right, usually it isn't.
- Last but most important, **COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR CHILD!**

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