

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO ABOUT TEENAGE DRINKING PARTIES

- Teens frequently party at home when their parents are away. Prohibit unsupervised parties. If you must go away, arrange quality supervision to ensure protection for you and your teenager.
- If your teenager is attending a party, know where your teenager will be and for how long. Contact the parents of the party-giver. Know how your child will get home from the party.
- If you choose to let your teenager have a party at your house set the ground rules first. You should understand state laws about curfew and alcohol and drug use. It is illegal to offer alcohol to guests under 21 in Colorado.
- Set party hours. Do not allow guests to come and go. This will discourage teens from leaving the party to drink or use other drugs elsewhere and then return.
- Limit the guest list. Be prepared to ask guests to leave if they try to bring alcohol or other drugs or if they arrive under the influence. Call his or her parents to ensure safe transportation home.
- Ask your teenager what other fun, safe, and interesting things he/she would like to do with friends besides going to drinking parties. Come up with as many possible alternatives as you can, and help make them happen!