



Tips for Parents: When Your Teen Is Attending A Party

Keep your teen safe during parties. Here are a few tips from Informed Families the Florida Family Partnership on what to do and what to ask before your teen attends a party.

- Know where your teenager will be. Obtain an address and phone number. Agree that he or she will call you if the location is changed.
- Personally contact the parents of the party giver to:
 - Offer assistance and support.
 - Verify the occasion.
 - Make sure the parents will be present.
 - Be certain that alcohol, tobacco and other drugs will not be permitted.
 - Agree beforehand on a curfew.
- Know how your teenager will get to and from the party. Arrange that you, a specified friend or neighbor can be called if he or she needs a ride home. Discuss the possible situations which might necessitate this. Reinforce that under no circumstances should your teenager allow someone who has been drinking or using other drugs to drive him/her anywhere.
- Personally check with the parents if your child stays overnight with a friend after the party.

If your teenager attends a party where alcohol, tobacco and other drugs are served by the parents or allowed, it is important to:

- Phone and discuss your disapproval with the parents.
- Discuss the legal ramifications with them.
- Share notes with other parents.
- Express thanks and support to parents and students within these guidelines.

