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So your Teen wants to Party...

Prom season is here, summer is coming, and our teens' social lives are buzzing. Read on for some tips from Safe Homes on how to navigate the wonderful (and Tricky!) world of teenage parties.

Helpful tips for hosting a safe, successful teen party:

- Agree on a guest list...don't admit party crashers.
- Encourage your teen to plan the party with a responsible friend so that he or she will have support if a problem arises.
- Have your teen plan some organized activities or games.
- Serve plenty of snacks and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Set a start and end time for the party.
- Set party rules and be sure your teen and their guests understand them.
- Rules should include:
 - No tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs
 - No one can leave the party and then return
 - Lights must remain on at all times
- Know your responsibilities:
 - Remember that you are legally responsible for anything that happens to a minor who has been served alcohol or other drugs (even without your knowledge) in your home.
 - Guests who bring tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs should be asked to leave.
 - Be ready to call parents of anyone who comes to the party intoxicated to be sure they get home safely. Be visible!

If your Teen is going to a Party:

- Call the host's parents to verify an adult will be at the party and that tobacco, alcohol and other drugs won't be allowed.
- Have the phone number and address of the home the party is at.
- Make it clear that you are available to pick up your teen at any time if they are uncomfortable and to NEVER ride with someone who has been drinking.
- Be up to greet your child when they come home.

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