

# PARTIES

## AND OTHER TEEN GATHERINGS



**TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 211**

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# DID YOU KNOW?

- To many teenagers, “*partying*” means consuming alcohol and / or other drugs, and “*partying*” doesn’t just mean on *weekends* or at *planned* events.
- Many of today’s teenagers start using alcohol and drugs at a *younger age, more frequently*, and with the *expressed intent* of getting “*wasted*” or “*smashed*.”
- Drugs are becoming *more* potent, *more* dangerous, and are being used *more* often. In the next 24 hours, 3,500 teenagers will try illegal drugs for the first time.
- Statistics reveal that every five seconds a teenager has a drug or alcohol related traffic accident.
- Some teenagers have too much unstructured time that is not appropriately monitored. This time may provide opportunities for alcohol and drug use. It is common for teenagers to use alcohol and drugs after school while parents are at work.
- Parents are held responsible for their children’s actions. Check with local authorities to learn about the teen curfew in your community.
- You have a right to establish your own, earlier, curfew.

# WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?

## DO:

- Know where your teenager is. Supervision is the best means to ensure safety.
- Stay in touch with your teenager's life. *Talk, listen, and share.*
- Be clear when discussing your *concerns* and *expectations* about the "party" scene. Let your teenager know you *expect* him or her to be *alcohol* and *drug free*.
- Trust your teenager, but remember trust is earned. Trust is mutual; for you to trust them, they must trust you.

## DON'T:

- Assume your teenager would never drink or use drugs.
- Assume that alcohol and drug use is "only a stage" and that it will pass.
- Be *blackmailed* by "All the other parents or kids are ..." statements.
- Deny there is a "partying" problem if evidence exists to indicate that there is one or treat alcohol and/or drug use "with a wink and a nod."
- Hesitate to take "unpopular" action to keep your teenager safe.
- Be fooled by complaints, they appreciate and expect structure and standards.

# MAKING PARTIES SAFE

## ATTENDING:

- Contact parents hosting a party to verify adult supervision and that alcohol and drug use *will not* be permitted.
- Arrange safe transportation *to* and *from* a party for your teenager.
- Remind your teenager of your expectation that he or she remains *alcohol and drug free*.
- It is advisable for parents to be *awake* when their teenager arrives home from a party. This lets the teenager know that he or she will be held *accountable*.

## HOSTING:

- Parties can quickly get out of control. Discuss guidelines with your teenager *before* the event.
- A *responsible* adult should be present to monitor a party.
- Alcohol and drugs *should not* be allowed at a party and intoxicated teenagers *should not* be included.
- *Beware:* It *is common* for teenagers to “sneak” alcohol and drugs into a party or leave a party to consume them and return later.
- Taking the keys so they can “*drink safely*” teaches them to drink, not to be safe.
- Know who is expected at the party and beware of “*drop-ins*.”

# HAVE A QUESTION? NEED ADVICE?

Contact your child's counselor or a member of the *Student Services Department*:

## **Palatine High School**

Fred Rasmussen, *Student Services Director*

Jennifer Grapenthin, *SAP\* Coordinator*

(847) 755-1630

## **William Fremd High School**

Tracy Bafia, *Student Services Director*

Jeff Lathrop, *SAP\* Coordinator*

(847) 755-2630

## **James B. Conant High School**

Brigit Cain, *Student Services Director*

Matt Wiley, *SAP\* Coordinator*

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## **Schaumburg High School**

Yassila Delgado, *Student Services Director*

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## **Hoffman Estates High School**

Jennifer Beers, *Student Services Director*

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Or, contact a youth service agency:

## **Bridge Youth Services**

Palatine, Illinois • (847) 359-7490

## **Kenneth Young Center**

Elk Grove Village (Schaumburg Township)

(847) 524-8800

## **Alexian Center for Mental Health**

Arlington Heights • (847) 952-7460

## **Spectrum Youth and Family Services**

Hoffman Estates • (847) 884-6212

## **Northwest Mental Health Center**

Inverness • (847) 952-7460

# FOR MORE INFORMATION ...

## **Palatine High School**

1111 N. Rohlwing Road • Palatine 60074-3777  
(847) 755-1600

[phs.d211.org](http://phs.d211.org)

## **William Fremd High School**

1000 S. Quentin Road • Palatine 60067-7018  
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[fhs.d211.org](http://fhs.d211.org)

## **James B. Conant High School**

700 E. Cougar Trail • Hoffman Estates 60169-3659  
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## **Schaumburg High School**

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## **Hoffman Estates High School**

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