

## What can parents and other adults do?

Talk early and often with your kids about the risks and harm caused by underage drinking.

Make sure kids and adults alike know what the law says about alcohol and minors, and social hosting.

Don't condone underage drinking. Never host parties or provide alcohol.

Be a role model. Get involved. Positive activities reduce risky behaviors.

There are many terrific resources online for parents: tips for talking to your kids, insight into the teen mind, research on alcohol use and how it affects teens, and much more. Some great sites to start with:

[thecoolspot.gov](http://thecoolspot.gov)

[teenbrain.drugfree.org](http://teenbrain.drugfree.org)

[sadd.org/ptm](http://sadd.org/ptm)

[madd.org/underage-drinking/why21](http://madd.org/underage-drinking/why21)

[theparenttoolkit.org](http://theparenttoolkit.org)

We don't want to hear excuses from our kids.

So let's not make them as parents.

"Kids will be kids."

"I'm a hypocrite if I tell them not to drink."

"I drank when I was in high school. What's the big deal?"

"They're going to drink anyway. If it's here, I can keep an eye on them."

"He's old enough to go to war..."



# More awkward talks.

# Less likely to drink.

Your kids are listening.  
Start the conversation today.

Learn how to talk to your kids at  
[OvercomeAwkward.org](http://OvercomeAwkward.org)

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It may not seem like what you say makes a difference. But it does.

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# Parents are the **No. 1 influence** on young people's attitudes and decisions about alcohol.

## What we say and do has a big impact. That means:

- Staying involved and on top of what our kids are doing
- Being a parent, not a pal
- Setting a good example
- Never providing alcohol or hosting drinking parties

## Why do we need social hosting laws?

*To help keep our kids, and our communities, safe.*

We all know about the dangers of drunk driving. Every year, thousands of people die in crashes where alcohol was a factor. Many of us have been personally affected by these tragedies. But car collisions are just one concern.

## We know more and more about the dangers and risks of underage drinking.

Alcohol is seriously harmful to the brain until at least age 25.

96 percent of adult alcoholics began drinking before they were 21.

Alcohol can disrupt normal growth and sexual development.

Young people's judgment is severely affected by alcohol, leading to risky behavior.

Youth who drink are more likely to be victims of crime.

Alcohol contributes to unwanted, unplanned and unprotected sex.

## Arizona has a "social hosting" law.

So not only is it against the law to furnish alcohol to minors, it's illegal to provide a place for them to drink. Both are Class 1 misdemeanors.

## Arizona law prohibits:

Hosting minors who are drinking. On any property you own or rent. You don't have to provide the alcohol or even be there.

Class 1 misdemeanor. Maximum of a \$2500 fine and/or up to 6 months in jail. In addition: If you allow teens to drink on your property, you can be held responsible — criminally or civilly — for mistakes those teens make, even after they've left your property.

Furnishing alcohol to minors. That means selling to, buying for or giving it to anyone under 21.

Class 1 misdemeanor. Maximum of a \$2500 fine and/or up to 6 months in jail. Buying alcohol for a minor or allowing minors to drink can really cost you.