

**PARENTS  
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THE MOST<sup>®</sup>**



Don't be  
a party to  
teenage  
drinking.

It's against  
the law.

## **Spread the Message**

Simply taking away the car keys does not solve all of the problems related to underage drinking.

We want to educate parents about the legal risks and consequences of underage drinking.

## **Legal Risks**

The legal drinking age in Massachusetts is 21. It is against the law to serve or provide alcohol to underage guests or to allow them to drink alcohol in your home or on other property you control.

The penalty is a fine up to \$2,000, imprisonment for up to a year or both.

If you provide alcohol to an underage youth and they are involved in a DUI accident, you could be held legally and financially responsible.

# Consequences of Underage Drinking

In the United States, an estimated 5,000 individuals under age 21 die each year from injuries caused by underage drinking, including:

**Motor Vehicle Crashes – 1,900 deaths**

**Homicides – 1,600 deaths**

**Suicides – 300 deaths**

## Youth who drink alcohol are more likely to experience:

- School problems – higher absence and poor grades.
- Legal problems.
- Physical problems, such as hangovers and illness.
- Unwanted, unplanned, and unprotected sexual activity.
- Physical and sexual assault
- Higher risk for suicide and homicide.
- Alcohol-related car crashes, unintentional injuries, such as burns, falls, and drowning.
- Memory problems.
- Abuse of other drugs.
- Changes in brain development.
- Death from alcohol poisoning.

**For more information on how to discuss underage drinking with your teenager, contact us today. Parents are the most important influence, one bad decision to provide alcohol can change a life or many lives forever.**

**It's not worth it.**

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