

PARENTS: DID YOU KNOW?

Drinking by college students contributes nationally to an annual estimated:



97,000
sexual
assaults



696,000
assaults



1,825
deaths

The first six weeks for a college freshman are critical to their academic success. During these early days of college many students initiate heavy drinking. Heavy drinking has the potential to interfere with a student's transition to college. It can be a difficult transition, and about 1/3 of first-year students fail to enroll for their second year.

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO:



Inquire about
campus alcohol
policies



Text or call
their sons and
daughters
frequently



Discuss how
alcohol use
can lead to
sexual assault,
violence and
academic failure



Ask about
roommates
and living
arrangements



Discuss
penalties
for underage
drinking

You can help keep kids safe from alcohol and drugs. Learn how.

For help for addiction,
call the confidential NYS HOPEline:
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WHY SHOULD YOU BE CONCERNED ABOUT UNDERAGE DRINKING?

Parents should talk about alcohol and drinking with their high school seniors long before they leave for college. Research has found that teens whose parents talked with them about avoiding alcohol before they begin college are more likely to not use or limit alcohol.

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ALCOHOL POISONING

You can overdose on alcohol. A person with blood alcohol level of .08 is considered legally intoxicated, and any more in the system can lead to alcohol poisoning and even death.



BRAIN DEVELOPMENT

Research shows that drinking alcohol before age 21 can interfere with brain development, causing potential learning impediments well into the early 20s.



VIOLENCE AND CRIME

Ninety five percent of violent crimes on college campuses are alcohol-related.



SEXUAL ASSAULT AND RAPE

More than 97,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 are victims of alcohol related sexual assault. The majority of college rapes (90 percent) involve alcohol use by either the victim or the assailant.



ACADEMIC CONSEQUENCES

Alcohol use among students is associated with poor grades, absenteeism and higher rates of school dropout.



21 - IT'S THE LAW

In New York state if you are under the age of 21, it is a violation of the law to possess alcohol with the intent to consume. Youth under 21 who drink and drive can lose their licenses for up to one year for small amounts of alcohol and face jail time for larger amounts of alcohol found in their systems.

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