

Best Practices

- Set the consequence for first use of alcohol or marijuana very high.
- Make sure they know what you have decided the consequence will be.
- Welcome their friends in your home as long as there has been a chance for parents to talk.
- Introduce yourself to parents when you drop your child off at someone's house.
- Call the other parent and welcome calls from other parents.
- Always call before and occasionally call after to compare notes.
- Friends are not to bring any of their own beverages into your home.
- Tell your teenager to leave any gathering where there is any drinking or drugs.
- Call parents if it turns out there was alcohol or marijuana use in your home.
- Be visible at the party. Walk through; fill the chip bowl, etc.
- Set the time when you would like the party to end and stay up until everyone is gone.
- Wait up for them, kiss them goodnight.
- "It's over when it's over". No after-event events.
- Don't say yes to spring break trips without adults or any kind of hotel party.
- Be reluctant to say yes to last minute requests for sleepovers.
- Remember: Teenagers notice what their parents do and what their friends' parents do.