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### Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking

This graduation season, Vilas County Public Health Department, along with their community partners, would like to remind parents who may want to host a graduation party and serve alcohol: Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking.

Graduation is an important milestone in teen's lives and cause for celebration. However, it is important for parents to remember that providing alcohol to teens at graduation parties can be costly for everyone involved. It is illegal, unsafe, and unhealthy for anyone under age 21 to drink alcohol. Breaking the law by purchasing alcohol, or hosting a teen drinking party, can result in fines up to \$500 per underage person to whom alcohol is provided. Others can sue you if you give alcohol to anyone under 21, and they, in turn, hurt someone, hurt themselves or damage property.

The "Parents Who Host Lose the Most" campaign's goal is to educate the community about the health risks of underage drinking and the legal outcomes of providing alcohol to youth. This graduation season, local businesses helped support the campaign by putting clings on their beverage coolers or placing stickers on their take-out pizza boxes. We would like to thank Bonson's Pick and Save, Trigs of Eagle River, Butch's Pizza, Eagle River Bowling Alley, House of Dogs, Pizza Hut and TJ Grizzlies!

As a parent you can take simple steps to avoid underage alcohol use at graduation parties:

1. Host safe, alcohol-free activities and events for youth during graduation season and the summer.
2. Do not supply alcohol to children or allow drinking in your home or on your property.
3. Be at home when your teen has a party.
4. Make sure your teen's friends do not bring alcohol into your home. If youth bring in alcohol, take it away immediately.
5. Talk to other parents about alcohol-free youth events.

If you would like to support the campaign or would like more information please contact Tammi Boers, Vilas County Public Health Department at 715-479-3757 or [taboer@co.vilas.wi.us](mailto:taboer@co.vilas.wi.us)

Parents Who Host, Lose the Most: Don't be a Party to Teenage Drinking Campaign was developed by and is a project of Drug-Free Action Alliance.

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