

24/7 PARTY ALERT

**“If you can dial a phone,
you can help put a stop to
underage drinking.”**

Call Starting Point of Ozaukee, if you learn that a party is going to happen, or is currently in process where underage use of alcohol or any illegal substances is likely to occur and/or there is not going to be appropriate chaperons.

Your call will be kept in confidence....
you may make it **anonymously** if you choose.

A Starting Point of Ozaukee staff member will contact the homeowner, the party host and/or the appropriate authorities (without identifying the original caller) with the intent of curtailing the plans and **keeping our youth safe**.

Parents, teachers, neighbors, and young people often hear about parties that have been planned or are aware of parties underway, but are afraid or embarrassed to contact authorities openly. This hotline offers concerned individuals the opportunity to share information with authorities, which not only helps them to enforce the law, but may help them to save a life.

If you become aware of a party in progress local law enforcement needs to be alerted. Any non-supervised or inadequately supervised youth party has the potential for disaster in the form of overdose, physical and/or sexual assault, and inexperienced youth drivers on the road that are under the influence of a mind altering substance.

To use the Alert please call:

Starting Point of Ozaukee at (262) 375-1110

FOR HOSTING A PARTY

1. SET THE GROUND RULES WITH YOUR CHILD BEFORE THE PARTY

- Let your child know what you expect
- Stick to agreed-on rules
- Party ground rules should include:
 - No Alcohol, Tobacco, or Other Drugs (ATODs) served or brought in
 - NO leaving party and returning
 - NO gate crashers
 - Lights on
 - Set a time limit for party
 - Limit party attendance

2. A PARENT SHOULD BE AT HOME DURING THE PARTY

- Decide what part of the house will be used for the party (location is key)
- Have one entrance into and out of the party
- Greet guests and be on hand when they leave
- Check guests coats, bags, water bottles, or any other carry-ins
- Serve refreshments (plenty of food and non-alcoholic beverages a great way to be inconspicuous)
- A college age sibling or elderly grandparent is not an appropriate chaperone

3. IT IS ILLEGAL TO OFFER ALCOHOL TO GUESTS UNDER 21 OR TO ALLOW GUESTS TO USE THEM IN YOUR HOME OR ON YOUR PROPERTY

- Be alert to the signs of ATOD use Guests who try to bring in contraband or are uncooperative should be asked to leave. If need be call parents and/or police if unwanted guests refuse to leave
- Notify the parents of any person who arrives at the party under the influence of any alcohol or any other drug
- DO NOT LET ANYONE DRIVE UNDER THE INFLUENCE

4. OTHER IDEAS

- Avoid easy access to ATODs in your home
- Get to know your child's friends/parents
- Alert other parents to any local youth ATOD problem that might affect their children
- Encourage shared chaperoning
- These guidelines are in effect at all parties, whether planned or spontaneous

FOR ATTENDING A PARTY

1. KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILD WILL BE

- Obtain the address and phone number of the party-giver
- Let your youth know that you expect a phone call if the location changes

2. CONTACT THE PARENTS OF THE PARTY-GIVER TO:

- Verify location
- Offer assistance
- Make sure a parent is present
- Inquire about the rules that have been established about drinking
- Time limit of party
- Who is invited to the party
- Find out if guests over 21 are invited
- Find out if any activities are planned
- Be certain that ATODs are not permitted

3. KNOW HOW YOUR YOUTH WILL GET TO AND FROM THE PARTY

- Even if other teens are drinking, your expectations are they still will not
- Assure your child that you or a specific friend can be called for a ride home
- Discuss with your child the possible situations in which they might need to call
- Have a plan set if your child does call this can include a "code word" to use if surrounded by friends when calling
- Stipulate that your child should not drive themselves if they have been drinking or get in the car with any driver who has also been drinking

4. YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW WHAT TIME THEY ARE EXPECTED TO BE HOME

- Establish a curfew with your child in advance
- Be awake or have your child wake you when they arrive home
- Spontaneous sleepover arrangements should always be confirmed with host parents, but avoided if possible