

**PARENTS**  
**WHO HOST**  
**LOSE**  
**THE MOST**



Don't be  
a party to  
**teenage  
drinking.**

**It's against  
the law.**

Providing alcohol to MINORS  
is a criminal offense in New Jersey  
under N.J.S. 2C:33-17.

This is known as a disorderly persons  
offense which includes up to  
six (6) months in the county jail,  
up to a \$1,000.00 fine,  
and a permanent criminal charge  
on your record if convicted.

**Myth:** It is a Rite of Passage!

**Fact:** Teens who start drinking before age 15 years are 6 times more likely to develop alcohol dependence or abuse later in life than those who begin drinking at or after the legal age of 21. (1)

**Myth:** I'll take the keys so no one drives.

**Fact:** 10% of teens admitted to driving intoxicated.  
22% admitted to riding in a car with an intoxicated driver. (2)

**Myth:** I'll be home and make sure everyone is safe.

**Fact:** Drinking increases risk of Sexual Assault, Fights, Alcohol Poisoning, Falls, and Property Damage. (3)

***No one said being a parent was easy! But keeping it Legal Is!***

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