

Baltimore County Department of Health  
Bureau of Substance Abuse

# Safe & Sober Prom Season

**2007**

## Parent Guide & Pledge Book



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Dear Parents:

On behalf of the Baltimore County Department of Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse, we are pleased to present the Baltimore County Safe and Sober Prom Season Booklet 2007 for your use. In this booklet you will find information on underage drinking, young driver safety, consequences of providing alcohol to minors, and suggestions for parents who would like to support their school's after-prom activities.

This booklet also contains the names of area limousine and bus companies who have signed the Baltimore County Safe and Sober Pledge. The pledge signers have agreed that they will not allow any young person to use tobacco, alcohol, or any other drugs while using the transportation services of their company. We encourage parents to take the extra precaution of accessing the Maryland Public Service Commission website ([www.psc.state.md.us](http://www.psc.state.md.us)) to insure that the company chosen meets minimum safety requirements. We hope that you support businesses that have made a commitment to the safety of our youth.

We hope you find this information useful as you continue to provide guidance and support to your child throughout his/her teenage years. Prom and graduation season should be a time for families to celebrate this important milestone. With your guidance, and the support of the businesses in this booklet, we look forward to another safe and sober prom and graduation season.

Sincerely,

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## ***Know the Facts About Underage Drinking and Drug Use***

- Underage drinking can lead to severe and tragic consequences including car crashes, injuries, rape, sexual assault, suicide, pregnancy, academic failure, alcohol poisoning, alcoholism, potentially irreversible brain damage, and death.

- Individuals who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to become dependent on alcohol than are those who begin drinking after age 21.

- One-fourth of 16–20 year old drivers who die in crashes have high blood alcohol concentrations. The risk of a crash is substantially higher when teens drive after drinking. This is true even for low and moderate blood alcohol concentrations, possibly because teens are also less experienced drivers.

- The results of the MD State Dept of Education 2004 Adolescent Survey indicate that of Baltimore County 12<sup>th</sup> grade students:

- **68%** have tried alcohol, **48%** have used within the last 30 days

- **39%** have used marijuana, **24%** within the last 30 days

- **27%** have driven at least once after consuming one to four drinks, **14%** have driven after having as many as five or more drinks, **25%** have had to choose whether to accept a ride from a driver they knew had consumed alcohol or drugs, **14%** reported they had accepted a ride from an impaired driver three or more times

*For sources of information presented in this publication, please contact the Bureau of Substance Abuse at 410-887-3828.*

## ***Encourage Young Driver Safety***

What Parents CAN do...

- **Limit the number of teen passengers in your young driver's car to one or zero.**

The presence of one teen passenger nearly doubles the risk of a fatal crash. Having two or more teen passengers increases the risk of having a fatal crash nearly five times as much as compared to driving alone.

- **Limit your young driver to driving in daylight hours only.**

In 2001, 36% of the motor vehicle crashes involving young drivers happened between the hours of 6 PM and 6 AM.

- **Set a good example. Always wear your seat belt and insist your young driver do the same.**

In 2001, only 36% of young drivers involved in motor vehicle crashes were wearing seat belts. Wearing proper occupant restraint has been shown to cut the risk of a driver or passenger dying in a crash in half.

- **Discourage distractions for your teen driver.**

Distractions are a major cause of young driver crashes. These can include use of cell phones, adjusting the radio or CD player, talking to other passengers, personal grooming, etc. Talking on a cell phone while driving quadruples the risk of being involved in a car collision.

**Remember, you as a parent are still the most influential person in your child's life and the decisions he/she makes.**

For more information on young driver safety, visit <http://parentsofyoungdrivers.com>.

## ***DON'T Be a "Buyer" or Support Underage Drinking Parties!***

It is **illegal** for an adult to host an underage drinking party or to purchase alcohol for persons under 21 years of age, even with their parents' permission.

An adult found guilty of providing alcohol for an individual under 21 (other than their own child) is subject to a \$1,000 fine for the first offense and \$1,500 fine for each subsequent offense for each underage person, e.g., hosting an underage drinking party for 10 minors could result in fines totaling \$10,000.

Adults who provide alcohol to individuals under 21 can be sued if the youth hurts someone, damages property, or is involved in a car crash. In addition, Maryland law states that persons under 21 who operate a vehicle with *any* trace of alcohol in their system are subject to license suspension for one year.

### **Tips for Parents**

Parents can protect themselves and their teens by following these guidelines when hosting parties for their children:

- Be home when your child has a party.
- Get to know the parents of your child's friends. Invite them to chaperone.
- Plan alcohol-free activities in your home and make teens feel welcome. Make sure your child's friends do not bring alcohol onto your property.
- Help your teenager plan the party. Avoid sending e-mail invitations that can easily be forwarded to others.
- Limit guests to certain areas of your home. Let them know that if they leave the party, they cannot return.
- Monitor the party without being conspicuous (e.g., replenish snacks, etc.).
- Provide plenty of food and nonalcoholic beverages.
- Report underage drinking to your local precinct.

## ***Support Your Teen's After-Prom Activity***

Exciting events such as the senior prom are often followed by "high-risk" behavior, including drinking, using drugs, and driving carelessly. Adolescents often see these behaviors as acceptable, even expected, at the time.

After-prom events are designed to offer a safe, tobacco- and alcohol-free activity as an alternative to high-risk activities.

### **Assist your child with his/her after-prom plan:**

- ☑ Encourage your child to attend the after-prom party planned by the PTSA or school's After-Prom Committee and to stay at the party until they are ready to come home.
- ☑ Know how your child will get home from the party. (The Limousine will take them to the prom and after-prom site, but will not wait until the party is over unless you've made those arrangements.) Parents not picking up their child after the event may want to drop off a car at the after-prom activity site.
- ☑ Encourage your child to take a change of clothes with them so they can change at the party if they will be uncomfortable in their formalwear.

### **Support the event:**

A successful after-prom event must have enough activities for students to want to stay through the critical hours immediately following the prom. Planners must provide enough entertainment, food, incentives, music, games, etc. to accomplish this, which is costly. Contact your child's school about the event if you haven't yet received information from the PTSA or After-Prom Chairperson. Ask them how you can help support the activity.

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***SAFE & SOBER TRANSPORTATION  
COMPANY PLEDGE***

***The Baltimore County Safe and Sober Transportation Company Pledge is part of a voluntary program aimed at protecting the lives of young people during the prom and graduation season. Since this is a voluntary program, all companies who sign the Safe and Sober Transportation Pledge are encouraged to adhere to the spirit and policies of the program.***

The Baltimore County Department of Health Bureau of Substance Abuse, The Maryland Limousine Association, and the Baltimore County Public School System are working together to ensure that the policies and procedures of this program are followed.

If a transportation company that has signed this pledge does not follow these policies, this oversight group has the authority to suspend or terminate the transportation company from the Safe and Sober Pledge program.

The following policies will be adhered to by this company and its drivers:

- **Tobacco products will not be used by minors in our vehicles.**
- **Alcohol will not be supplied to anyone under twenty-one years of age while in our vehicles.**
- **Alcohol use will not be allowed by anyone under twenty-one years of age while in our vehicles.**
- **Alcohol will not be transported for anyone under twenty-one years of age.**
- **Illegal drug use or possession will not be permitted.**

The following procedures are also recommended:

- **Companies should monitor what passengers bring into the vehicle.**
- **Vehicles should be checked each time passengers depart from the vehicle.**
- **Appropriate number of staff should be provided to properly monitor the passengers.**

We have read the Baltimore County Safe and Sober Transportation Pledge and agree that our company and its drivers will adhere to the spirit and policies of the program. We understand that if our transportation company violates any of the policies and procedures of the program that we may face suspension and possible termination from the Baltimore County Safe and Sober Transportation Pledge Program.

We understand that this decision would be made from an oversight group consisting of a representative of the Baltimore County Department of Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse, The Maryland Limousine Association, and the Baltimore County Board of Education.

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