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**SAY "NO" TO UNDERAGE DRINKING.** Protect kids by providing a safe, alcoholfree environment for hosted parties.

#### a community initiative for responsible **HOSTING**

## We understand that responsible hosting can be a challenge. WE'RE HERE TO LEND A HAND.

### AS A COMMUNITY, WE ALL DEPEND ON EACH OTHER.

Providing a safe, alcohol-free environment for kids is a responsibility all parents can share. A majority of teens living in Middlesex County report that their parents are the biggest influence on their decisions about drinking. Social Hosting (providing a place for people under 2I to drink alcohol) sets the wrong example for the kids in our community.

#### NEED MORE REASONS WHY OUR KIDS SHOULDN'T DRINK?

- Alcohol permanently affects kids' brain development.
- Teenagers who consume alcohol have an increased risk of alcoholism and drug abuse in later years.
- Kids develop a tolerance for alcohol and tend to drink increasing amounts over time.
- Even small amounts of alcohol affect memory recall in children, making it harder for them to perform in school.



SOCIAL HOSTING IS AGAINST THE LAW. It's also against the better judgement of most of our community.

If underage drinking takes place on your property, you will be held legally responsible for what happens at or after the party, even if you didn't buy the alcohol.

JOIN WITH PARENTS WHO SAY "NO" TO SOCIAL HOSTING FOR THE BETTERMENT OF ALL KIDS. Get responsible hosting tips and additional information by visiting our website: WWW.RESPONSIBLEHOSTING.ORG

#### Get with the IN-CROWD

80%

60%

More than 80% of Middlesex County parents report that they would not engage in social hosting. Where do you fit in?

# 40%

20%

Prevent Social Hosting. Please visit www.responsiblehosting.org or contact your Local Prevention Council, listed below.

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