

Did You Know?

- In the last 3 years, 40% of the DUI arrests in Sammamish have been youth under the age of 21.
- 43% of Sammamish 12th graders reported using alcohol in the last 30 days. 25% have used marijuana.
- Binge drinking—Having 5 or more drinks at a time—is on the rise in Sammamish.
- 21% of 12th graders and 18% of 10th graders reported riding with a driver who has been drinking in the past 30 days.
- According to the CDC, an average drunk driver has driven drunk 80 times before their first arrest.
- 60% of teens obtain alcohol from their own home.



Impaired Driving Education and Action

A grassroots effort to eliminate underage impaired driving in our community

Know the Facts:

- Parents can be arrested and criminally charged for providing a place for minors to consume alcohol. (RCW 66.44.270)
- It is illegal for someone under the age of 21 to possess or consume marijuana.
- You can be liable for accidents on your property whether or not you are home.
- If your child is found driving the "family car" you can be found liable for damages caused

Helpful Tips

- Encourage open communication between you and your teen.
- Get to know your child's friends and their parents.
- If you are hosting a party, secure alcohol, prescription drugs, and firearms.
- If your child is going to a house party, contact the host parents to verify they will be home and that they are checking for alcohol and drugs.
- Share your views regarding underage alcohol and other drug use. Use science backed facts about the effects.
- Know your child's plans. Set a time to arrive home, ask your teen to call you if there are changes to the plan.
- Communicate what you stand to lose if they host an unchaperoned party.
- Discuss possible situations where your teen might need to call you for a ride.
- Discuss how to handle problem situations; role play a way to refuse alcohol and drugs.
- Be awake or have your teen wake you up when they arrive home, be aware of signs of substance abuse, ask how the party went.

What to Do:

- If you want to report underage drinking or impaired driving call: 206-296-3311
- If you believe someone is suffering from alcohol poisoning call 9-1-1
- For more information and resources go to www.madd.org