

Graduation Safety Tips

- Home Parties
 - Use social media cautiously
 - Don't leave balloons and signs up while you are away at graduation ceremonies, put them up once you are home
 - Know who is coming and only allow invited guests
 - Notify your neighbors and be a good neighbor, control sounds/music and be respectful of ending time
 - Noise ordinance, permit can be obtained, but does not allow you to violate noise standards and permit can be revoked by officers if too loud
 - Lock up your valuables
 - Be responsible and don't allow underage drinking
 - Homeowner and every adult over 21 can be held personally responsible
 - Lock up your alcohol and don't allow any in the home during the party
 - Don't allow anyone in the party intoxicated, get them a safe ride home
- Talk to your graduate
 - The 100 days between Memorial day and Labor day are the most deadly for teenage drivers
 - A teenage driver plus one friend in the vehicle increases the chances for a fatal crash by almost 50%
 - Limit the number of friends in the vehicle with teenage driver, minimize all distractions
 - Always wear a seatbelt
 - Know the driver of any car you get into
 - Require adult supervision at parties, parents communicate with them beforehand
 - No hotel parties, always a home of a trusted known adult
 - Don't drink from any container you did not open yourself, don't experiment with drugs

- Look out for your friends, stay with your trusted friends
- Stay up and wait for your teenager to get home, have an expected time
- Keep your cell phone charged
- Don't be afraid to call your parents for a ride if you do make a mistake and become intoxicated, parents need to build this trust with graduate. For any reason, at any time, your teenage can call YOU for a safe non-judgmental ride home