

Drug Free Adams County

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Be Smart for a Safe Summer

With graduation parties and summer festivities just around the corner, it's important for families to put safety first and follow laws related to alcohol consumption. While it may be tempting to try and be the "cool" parent, doing so can put lives at risk and/or result in significant legal problems. Know the law, and help save lives.

Social Host and Indiana Lifeline Laws

Parents who allow underage drinking in their homes could face arrest and prosecution under the **Social Host Law**. It's a Class B misdemeanor to provide alcohol to a minor, or providing a place for minors to drink (such as an adult's house or a hotel room). Penalties range from fines up to \$1,000 and up to 180 days in jail, to \$10,000 in fines and 2 ½ years in jail if the act results in serious bodily injury or death.

Although our goal should always be to prevent underage alcohol consumption, the **Indiana Lifeline Law** helps protect minors when alcohol consumption endangers a friend. The Lifeline Law provides immunity to persons who call 911 and cooperate with law enforcement while seeking medical assistance for a person suffering from an alcohol-related health emergency. Criminal offenses such as providing alcohol to minors, operating vehicles while intoxicated, or the possession of a controlled substance may still be prosecuted.

Overconsumption – Know the Signs

If any one of the following signs is observed, call 911 immediately:

- Acting unusually confused
- Repetitively throwing up
- Breathing is different than normal
- Skin looks pale or bluish
- Loss of bodily functions
- Snoring unusually or loudly
- Passed Out (meaning you can't wake the person up to an alert state)



The focus of the above laws is saving lives. Stay aware and involved to help make this a fun and safe summer of 2019.

For more information, please visit our website: www.DrugFreeAdamsCounty.org