

Hosting a party

90 people turned up at my teenager's party. Only 50 were invited. The police were called. We found out later that information about the party was on the internet.



Having a party that is safe and fun means that you and your teenager need to plan it properly. Consider some of the tips below.

- Discuss party issues. Is there going to be alcohol? How will people get home? What if people bring alcohol or other drugs? How long will the party go for? Are there rooms that are off limits? What if uninvited people show up? Are adults/parents going to be present?
- Send personal invitations to guests. How will the invitations be distributed? No invite, no entry.
- Party proof your house. Lock away valuables and items that may easily be broken.
- Let the neighbours know about the party.
- Enlist the help of friends and older brothers and sisters.
- Let the local police know that you are having a party.
- Make plans in case someone becomes sick or there is an emergency situation.
- Do not serve alcohol to people under the age of 18.
- Make sure there are plenty of non-alcoholic drinks, water and food available.

For more information about hosting parties you might like to look at the following:

- NSW Health - *Party Have Fun No Regrets* pamphlet (www.health.nsw.gov.au/public-health/dpb/publications/pdf/Celeb_Brochure_Final.pdf)
- NSW Police - *Tips on how to host a safe party* (www.police.nsw.gov.au/main/detail.cfm?ObjectID=73).

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