

Did you know? ...

PROM AND GRADUATION SEASON IS AROUND THE CORNER

KNOW THE FACTS ABOUT UNDERAGE DRINKING:

~More than one-third of youth under the age of 21 killed in alcohol-related fatalities in 2001 died during the months of April, May, and June-prom and graduation season.

~In 2008, there were approximately 190,000 emergency room visits by people under the age of 21 for injuries and other conditions linked to alcohol.

~Youth who start drinking before age 15 are five times more likely to develop alcohol addiction later in life than those who start drinking at or after age 21.

~It is estimated that teenage girls who binge drink are 63% more likely to become teen mothers.

~More than 3 people under the age of 21 die each day in alcohol-impaired driving crashes.

TIPS FOR A SAFE AND HAPPY SEASON:

~Never ride in a car with someone who has been drinking alcohol.

~Choose safe, healthy alternatives to drinking and using drugs.

~Avoid situations and parties where you know underage drinking and other risky behaviors are occurring.

~Choose friends who share the same values as you.

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