

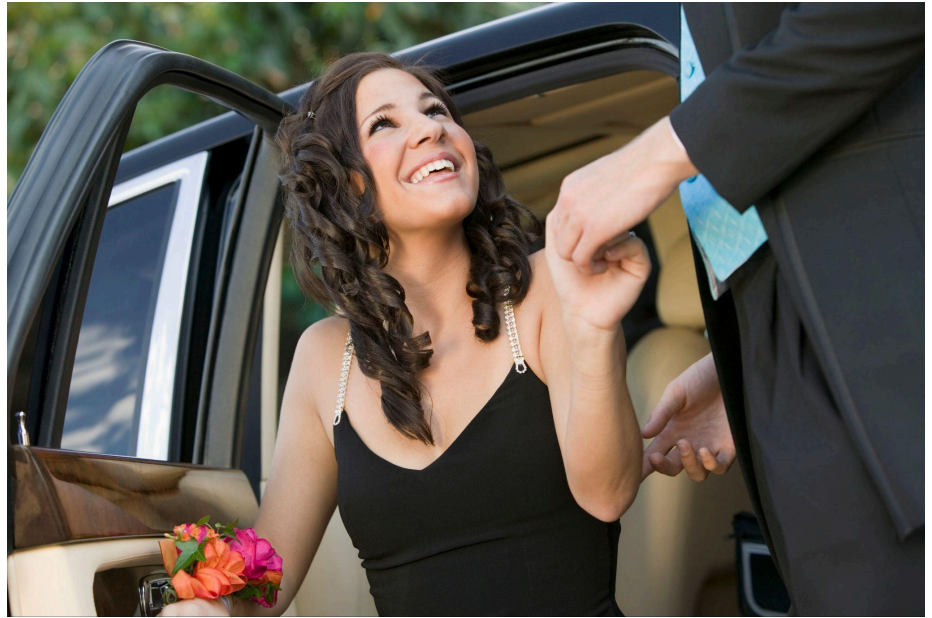
Homecoming Safety

Simple Things That Assure Safety



Know the Plans

- Who's Driving - to and from- Think twice about allowing your "under-classman" child to travel and party with upper-classmen. There's a world of developmental difference between freshmen and juniors/seniors
- Who's Going- Names and Numbers- children's names and cell #s and parent's names and cell #s.
- Where and When- dinner, dance, and after-party locations, sequence, and contact info.
- Curfew- they don't need to stay out all night or until all hours.
- Touch Base- text or quick calls to confirm all is well and the evening is going according to plan.
- NO PLAN CHANGES without your involvement.
- Wait up to happily hear all the fun stories



After-Party Safety

- NO ALCOHOL or other drugs.
- Location, supervision, and time frames.
- If kids leave the party, they can't return.
- Food and beverages available are provided, not brought in.
- If your son or daughter gets more than one party invitation, have your child pick one and avoid "party hopping".
- Offer to help the hosts, or if you're hosting, ask for help.

General Safe Practice

- Keep garage doors closed – Homecoming often occurs in the warmer season when many of us leave our garages open. "Garaging" is a common means for bolder teens to access alcohol.
- Keep alcohol and medications safely locked out of sight to reduce temptations and access.

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Provide a Safety Net

- Talk candidly with your teen about balancing safety and fun. Ask about their expectations and concerns.
- Provide an “out” for your teen. Be available to “rescue” them from unsafe circumstances or even provide a ride home if needed
- Communicate/network with other parents to ensure common expectations.
- Take stock of your alcohol and lock it up. Consider it “age-appropriate cabinet latching”



Things to Know

Revised MIP Statute:

The Missouri Liquor Control Law (Chapter 311.325) states that if it can be shown that a minor has consumed alcohol, the minor can be charged with Minor in Possession (MIP). It is no longer necessary for possession of containers, open or otherwise, as a basis for arrest.

Local Curfew Laws:

Throughout the region, it is unlawful for anyone under the age of 17 to be in a public or unsupervised place between the hours of 11 PM and 6 AM Sunday-Thursday and 12 Midnight to 6 AM Friday-Saturday, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Social Hosting Liability:

Local municipalities and the state of Missouri have laws that make it illegal for adults to allow underage drinking on their property – wittingly or not.