

# BE PREPARED TO HAVE THE DIFFICULT CONVERSATION

Before you allow your underage children to attend a party where you think alcohol may be available, take the opportunity to inform them of how alcohol and other substances—such as marijuana—can affect their bodies and minds.



**19%**  
UNDERAGE YOUTH

Research shows that within 2 hours of drinking, **19 percent** of youth ages 12 to 17 also used marijuana.

Learn how you can keep underage youth informed about the consequences of substance misuse at **[underagedrinking.samhsa.gov](https://underagedrinking.samhsa.gov)**.

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