

THE S.R.O. CORNER

WELCOME TO THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER'S CORNER.

EACH MONTH THE INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THIS PAGE WILL BE CHANGED. DIFFERENT SUBJECT MATTERS THAT RAISE CONCERN TO US HERE AT SCHOOL AND IN OUR COMMUNITY WILL BE DISCUSSED. MOST OF THE INFORMATION WILL COME FROM A WIDE VARIETY OF SOURCES AND EVEN OTHER STAFF MEMBERS HERE AT BONDURANT-FARRAR C.S.D.

THIS MONTH OUR TOPIC WILL BE "UNDER AGED DRINKING".

NOW THAT PROM IS ONLY A FEW DAYS AWAY, THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR AND WARMER WEATHER ARE UPON US, IT'S TIME TO FOCUS ON THE ISSUES OF UNDER AGED DRINKING AND THE EFFECTS IT CAN HAVE ON OUR STUDENTS' LIVES.

WE KNOW THAT THE LEGAL DRINKING AGE IN IOWA IS 21, YET ALCOHOL IS THE LEADING DRUG USED BY YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 21.

STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THE FOLLOWING FACTS;

- EVERYDAY, 5,400 YONG PEOPLE UNDER 16 TAKE THEIR FIRST DRINK OF ALCOHOL
- FROM AGES 12 TO 20, APPROXIMATELY 10.9 MILLION KIDS USED ALCOHOL IN A MONTH
- 7.2 MILLION REPORTED BINGE DRINKING, WHICH IS DRINKING 5 OR MORE BEERS IN A SINGLE OCCASION.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE CURRENT NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE NATION WIDE THAT ARE CURRENTLY DRINKERS;

- ONE OUT OF SIX 8TH GRADERS
- ONE OUT OF THREE 10TH GRADERS
- ONE OUT OF TWO 12TH GRADERS

ALCOHOL ALSO AFFECTS A YOUNG PERSON'S BODY MORE SEVERELY THAN AN ADULT'S DUE TO THE FACT IT IS STILL GROWING. SOME OF THE EFFECTS CAN BE;

- LOSS OF COORDINATION
- SLOWED REFLEXES

- LOSS OF SELF CONTROL
- POOR JUDGEMENT
- MEMORY LAPSES
- NAUSEA / VOMITING
- INCREASED ANGER, VIOLENCE, INJURIES AND CAR CRASHES
- COMA
- DEATH

THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS REFLECT THE NUMBER OF ALCOHOL RELATED DEATHS IN IOWA ALONE;

- 2004-110
- 2003-145
- 2002-137

EVERY DAY IN AMERICA, THREE TEENS DIE FROM DRINKING AND DRIVING AND AT LEAST SIX MORE UNDER 21 DIE FROM NON-DRINKING ALCOHOL RELATED CAUSES, SUCH AS HOMICIDE, SUICIDE AND DROWNING.

MORE THAN 7,000 COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE VICTIMS OF ALCOHOL-RELATED SEXUAL ASSAULT OR DATE RAPE EACH YEAR.

ALCOHOL IS ALSO A GATEWAY DRUG TO THE USE OF EVEN MORE DANGEROUS DRUGS.

IOWA CODE SECTIONS 123.47 THROUGH 123.50 COVER THE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR UNDER AGED DRINKING.

PROVIDED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE WILL BE LINKS TO DIFFERENT INTERNET WEB SITES, WHICH CONTAIN MORE INFORMATION ON UNDER AGED DRINKING.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN OUR PAGE AND IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT US.

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