

# 7 POINTS FOR PARENTS



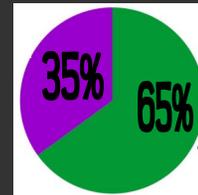
## 1. PARENTS ROCK!



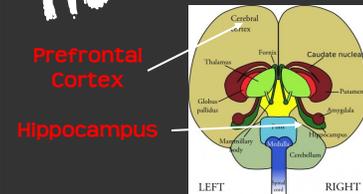
Parental Disapproval is the #1 reason kids choose not to drink. Most parents don't realize they are the biggest influence in their children's lives.

## 2. ADDICTION ALERT

Children who start drinking at a young age have a high probability of becoming Alcohol Dependent. 65% of high schoolers drink. 35% do not.



## 3. NO BRAINER



The adolescent brain is still developing. Alcohol can cause serious damage. The Drinking damage zones are the Hippocampus and Prefrontal Cortex

## 4. FUTURE SHOCK!

Young people convicted of alcohol or drug related offenses are ineligible for federal education loans.



## 5. PROMISCUITY

Alcohol use by teens is a strong predictor of unprotected sexual activity and

**Unwanted sexual advances.**

Date rape occurs most often when young people are intoxicated.

## 6. LINKING DRINKING TO DRUGS



More than 67% of young people who start drinking before the age of 15 will try an illicit drug.

## 7. WORST OF ALL



Traffic accidents are the most common cause of death in people under the age of 26.

**One third of teen traffic deaths are alcohol-related.**

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