

**STOP** Underage Drinking

# Town Hall Meeting

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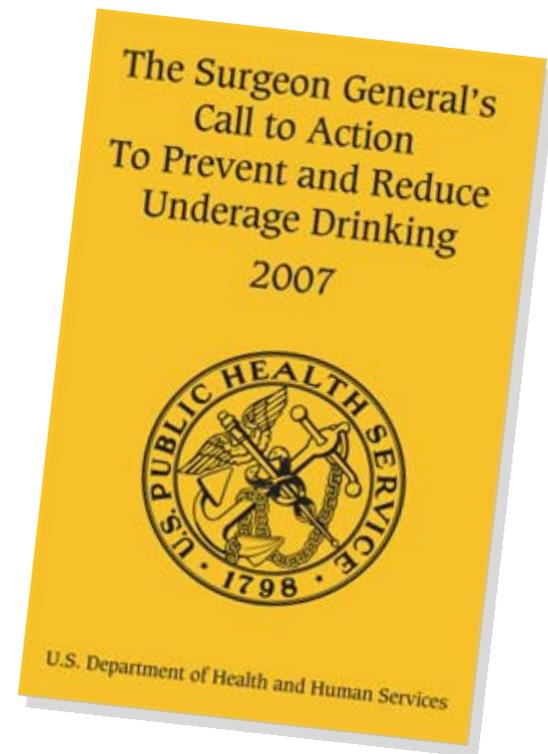


# *The Surgeon General's Call to Action To Prevent and Reduce Underage Drinking*

*“Underage drinking is everybody’s problem—and its solution is everyone’s responsibility.”*

— Acting Surgeon General

Kenneth P. Moritsugu, M.D., M.P.H.



# Fast Fact

Most kids who drink alcohol begin doing so in 7th and 8th grade.





# Fast Fact

Moms, dads, and grandparents are the most trusted sources of information for 9- to 13-year-olds.



# Quiz

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Q: Where does most underage drinking take place?

A: At home or in someone else's home.



# When Parents Talk, Kids Listen





# Fast Fact

Each year, approximately 5,000 young people under the age of 21 die as a result of underage drinking.





# Fast Fact

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Youth who begin drinking before the age of 15 are five times more likely to develop alcohol dependence or abuse as adults.





# Fast Fact

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Young adults have the highest rate of alcohol dependence in the U.S. population, and they are not legally old enough to drink.





# Protect Teens From Underage Alcohol Use

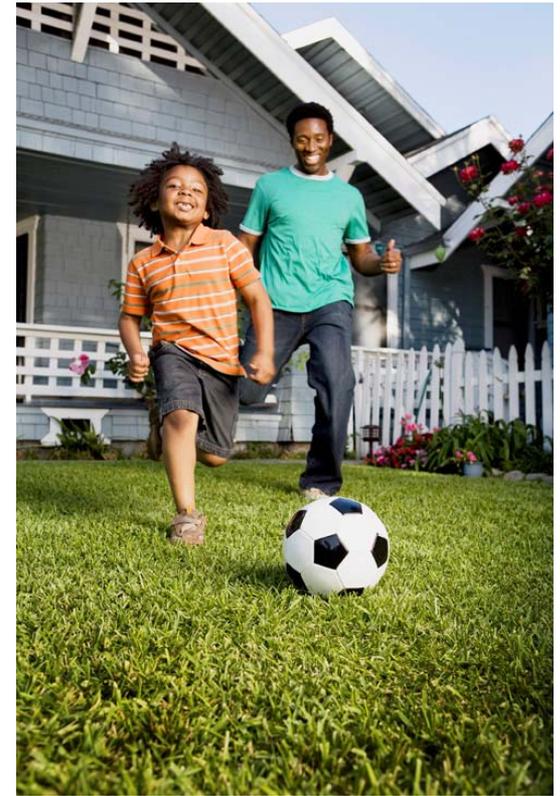




# Quiz

Q: How many youth start drinking alcohol before age 13?

A: 30 percent



# Fast Fact

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Teens drink less frequently than adults, but when they do drink, they drink more than adults.





# Fast Fact



Underage drinking is a risk factor for heavy drinking later in life.





# What Message Does Your Community Send About Underage Drinking?





# Quiz

Q: What is the most widely used substance of abuse among America's youth?

A: Alcohol





# Fast Fact

Approximately 10 percent of 9- to 10-year-olds have started drinking alcohol.



# Talk About It



# Preventing and Reducing Underage Drinking Is Everyone's Responsibility

