



Dear Parent or Guardian:

By the time a young person comes through our courtroom doors, it is too late. The most frustrating thing we see as judges is when young people enter the court system. We want to do something about that.

The "7 Reasons to Leave the Party" is our attempt at preventative law. Using examples from actual court cases, we give young people 7 good reasons to leave a party where drugs or alcohol are present.

In the coming years, judges will reach thousands of young people throughout Illinois with this message. If we can keep just one of your children out of the party, the program will be worth the effort.

Sincerely,

The Judges of the
Illinois Judges Association
ija.org

Teen and Parent or Guardian Contract*

Teen

I realize that in this day and age I face many choices. I agree to do everything in my power to avoid making choices that will jeopardize my health and my safety. I understand the dangers and responsibilities associated with alcohol, drugs and sex.

By signing below, I pledge my best effort to remain alcohol and drug free, I agree that I will never drive under the influence of either, or accept a ride from someone who is impaired, and I will always wear a seatbelt.

Finally, I agree to call you if I am ever in a situation that threatens my safety so that you can give me a ride home.

Teen

Parent or Guardian

I am committed to you, to your health and to your safety.

I agree to provide for you safe, sober transportation home if you are ever in the situation that threatens your safety, no questions asked. When you call, I agree to come wherever you are so that you can discreetly get into my car. In other words, I agree not to embarrass you in front of your friends.

I also agree to be available to discuss (not lecture) about what happened in a calm and caring manner if you want to talk about it.

Parent or Guardian

P.S.-- I love you.

**This contract is an adaptation of similar contracts available from MADD and SADD.*