

# UNDER AGE DRINKING & ITS DANGERS



## SOCIAL FACTORS

**75%**

of 12-to 17-year-olds reported that social media content portraying partying with alcohol encouraged them to do the same.

Peer pressure and social media are the leading causes for teen alcohol consumption.

**1,900**

teens die in car accidents related to underage drinking every year.

## PERSONAL FACTORS

**1 in 4**

crashes with teens involve an underage drunk driver

Alcohol is often used as a means of coping.

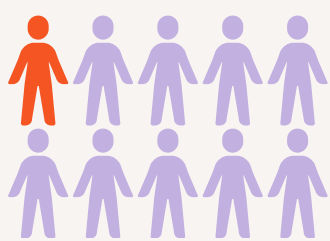
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## SOCIAL DANGERS

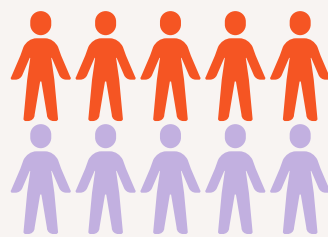
- **Poor academic performance**
- **School attendance**
- **School problems**
- **Risky sexual behavior**
- **Abuse of other drugs**
- **Legal issues**

## TALKING TO TEENS ABOUT ALCOHOL

At age twelve, 1 in 10 children say they have tried alcohol.



**5 OUT OF 10**



By age fifteen, 5 in 10 children say they have tried alcohol.

Combating the underage drinking epidemic **begins with education**, and parents are the first line of defense when it comes to helping teens make smart choices. Reducing the high rate of underage drinking also requires **combined efforts** of vigilant **parents**, informed **youth**, and the support of **educators and the community at large**.

## REFERENCES

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