
If you go out of town, take steps to prevent a "house party" from occurring at your home.

Strategies include:

Tell your teen, in a very clear way, that they cannot have a party without your permission.

Tell them exactly what the consequences will be if they have a party.

Agree on a specific number of guests allowed at the house when you aren't home.

Have your teen stay with a friend or family member while you are gone.

Ask neighbors to keep an eye on your home and tell them that there should not be multiple people visiting.

Ask friends or family members to check on your home at random times.

Call and ask local police to do extra patrols around your home.

Monitor video footage if you have (or can borrow) a security camera.

Let your teen know that you have taken steps.*



**Note: By taking these step, and telling your teen about them, you may also provide your teen a face-saving excuse to not host a party if others pressure them or invite themselves over.*