# Let's #MentionPrevention

We need your help to make sure the contents of this purchase do not get into the hands of minors Do not provide alcohol to kids and teens. Store alcohol safely to reduce visibility and access. You can use a locked or hard-to-reach cabinet.

## Talk often with kids about the risks of drinking

What parents say and the actions they model play a major role in how kids and teens feel about drinking.

#### Know the social host laws in Connecticut

It is against the law to permit any minor to possess alcohol. This includes on any private property. You can receive up to one year in jail and a \$2,000 fine.

### **Did You Know**

Youth who start drinking before the age of 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence later in life<sup>1</sup>

## Data shows that underage alcohol use is linked to a greater risk of:<sup>2</sup>

- Aggression, suicide, and violence
- Poor decisions about other risky behaviors
- Problems with cognition and learning
- Substance use disorders later in life

