

## We want your help

Kansas law enforcement knows you care about your community. They appreciate your help enforcing laws against underage drinking, such as furnishing alcohol to minors and allowing them to drink on your property.

Parents, teens, neighbors and other concerned adults: when you call 1-866-MUST-B-21, law enforcement will listen.

- Post the number in your home, car or business
- Save it to your phone
- Share it with others
- Call when you see or suspect underage drinking
- Go to [1866MustB21.com](http://1866MustB21.com) to obtain handy, wallet-sized reminder cards

## Spread the word

Want to help us promote the tip line? Are you a member of MADD, SADD or another organization that wants to make a difference? We have promotional materials you can use at events, such as fairs, parades, conferences, meetings and sporting events.

Go to [1866MustB21.com](http://1866MustB21.com) to request wallet cards to hand out, and for downloadable posters, flyers and fact sheets. Hang the posters in your community. Contact us if you'd like help with an event. We can help you create larger posters, vinyl banners, T-shirts, stickers and more.

## Save a life

Do you know someone whose life has been changed by underage drinking or drunk driving—perhaps forever? Don't you wish you could turn back the clock and stop the tragedy before it happened?

You can put a stop to illegal and dangerous activity in your community. You can take responsibility when others don't. Think beyond the potential legal consequences to the more serious, even tragic, ones.

**Protect teens and those who share the road with teen drivers. Sometimes it takes just one phone call to save a life. Your call may be the one.**

**Learn more at [1866MustB21.com](http://1866MustB21.com)**



**1-866-687-8221**

*Save it on your phone*

## It's the right call.

Call 1-866-MUST-B-21 if you see or suspect underage drinking in your community

Underage drinking is a serious problem. It's illegal. It's dangerous. Police and sheriffs' departments want your help enforcing the law so they can prevent the most tragic consequences for Kansas teens, their friends, families, and all of us who share the roads with them.

This flyer explains how the tip line works, when you should call and why it's so important to act. It also highlights some of the information and resources at [1866MustB21.com](http://1866MustB21.com).

**It's toll free and anonymous  
You could save a life**

1-866-MUST-B-21 is a service of the Kansas Department of Transportation Bureau of Transportation Safety and Technology. We work to improve the quality of life and safety on our roads by reducing the number of underage drinkers.

## What to report

**1-866-MUST-B-21 (1-866-687-8221)**  
is the number to call if you:

- Know about a party or other gathering involving underage drinkers, ideally before it occurs
- Know of anyone who purchases alcohol for someone underage
- Know of anyone giving or selling alcohol to someone underage
- Suspect underage drinking in your neighborhood: at a house party, at a park, in a field—anywhere

*Call 911 to report suspicious driving.*



## How does it work?

**1-866-MUST-B-21** is a 24-hour toll-free tip line. You will be prompted to enter a number corresponding to your state (1 for Kansas) and will be connected to a dispatcher. The Kansas Highway Patrol operator will transfer you to the appropriate local law enforcement agency.

*Calls are anonymous if you choose.*

## Why make the call?

*Current brain research paints a frightening picture.*

- The decision-making center of the brain is very late in maturing.
- Its immaturity attracts alcohol like a magnet, impairing its function.
- Impaired decision-making can lead to drunk driving, which kills indiscriminately.

*Because of this:*

- Underage drivers make up less than 9 percent of the driving population, but they are a factor in almost 17 percent of alcohol-related crashes.
- In 2010, 455 impaired underage drivers were implicated in Kansas crashes that killed 19 and left 325 injured.
- Binge drinking is no longer just fringe behavior. In 2011, 27 percent of Kansas high school seniors reported having binged within the previous two weeks.

## Our website

**1866MustB21.com** concerns much more than the tip line. It's the go-to place for information and resources about reducing the incidence of underage drinking.

*Some things you'll find at 1866MustB21.com include:*

**A LIST OF KANSAS ALCOHOL-RELATED LAWS** and the penalties for violating them, including details about Parent/Guardian Host Liability. **Did you know?** Parents can be liable for underage drinking in their home even if they are not there when it occurs.

**EXPERT INFORMATION**, tips and talking points for parents and others who deal with youth, including "Get the Conversation Going," "Get Smart about Parties," and "Parent's Guide to the Teen Brain." **Did you know?** Parents have the most influence over their kids' values and decisions about drinking before they start using alcohol.

**AN INVITATION FOR TEENS TO GET INVOLVED.** The tip line isn't just for adults. And neither are the links and information on the site. Teens are concerned about their peers' safety and future. **Did you know?** Though the dangers are well known, 28 percent of high school students say they have ridden with a driver who had been drinking.

**A FORUM FOR KANSAS LAW ENFORCEMENT.** See what departments around the state and across the nation are doing to crack down on underage drinking. Read success stories from **1-866-MUST-B-21** tip line calls.

**A PLACE TO E-MAIL YOUR QUESTIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PROSECUTORS** and a Frequently Asked Questions section. Examples: Should I report a rumor I heard at school? You say the calls can be anonymous, but will my name be on a police report?

**INFORMATION ABOUT REGIONAL PREVENTION CENTERS** located throughout Kansas.

**LINKS TO PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS**, including free downloadable posters.

**HOW TO GET FREE 1-866-MUST-B-21 WALLET CARDS** to distribute at your next school or community event.

