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Prom Reminder from the K.C. Juvenile Justice Council

The Kendall County Juvenile Justice Council along with the Kendall County State’s Attorney’s Office is aware that many students in Kendall County will soon be attending their high school’s prom and related festivities. Underage drinking is the number one issue facing youth in Kendall County as was concluded from the recent youth round table discussion. Given the concerns of underage drinking, and the potential for alcohol use during prom season, the Kendall County State’s Attorney’s Office and the Kendall County Juvenile Justice Council would like to highlight the potential dangers and consequences associated with underage drinking.

- Any person under the age of 21 who is caught consuming or possessing alcohol faces a mandatory suspension of their driver’s license for a minimum of 3 months whether they are driving or not.
- Any person under the age of 21 who is convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol will have a mandatory 2 year revocation of their driver’s license.
- Additionally the combination of alcohol and driving creates the potential for injury or even death not only for the driver, but to their passengers and other innocent persons.
- Alcohol depresses your central nervous system, lowers your inhibitions, and impairs your judgment. Drinking can lead to risky behaviors, including having unprotected sex, unwanted sexual contact (rape) and may lead to sexually transmitted diseases, or unwanted pregnancy.
- Drinking large amounts of alcohol can lead to coma or even death.
- Unlawful Consumption or Possession of Alcohol by a Minor is a criminal offense which carries the potential penalty of up to one year in the county jail and a fine of up to $2,500.

Kendall County State’s Attorney Eric Weis reminded students that prom can be a great experience that students will remember for years to come. Don’t let alcohol turn a wonderful memory into a nightmare.