



City of Waterbury

“Knowledge is Power” ADVISORY # 111



Drinking & Driving

The Data:

5% of Waterbury 9th graders report driving after drinking once or more in the last 12 months.

38% of Waterbury 9th graders rode (once or more in the last 12 months) with a driver who had been drinking.

16% of Waterbury boys, in grades 6 & 9, have driven after drinking or ridden with a drinking driver three or more times in the last 12 months.

59% of Waterbury youth with 0-10 Developmental Assets rode (once or more in the last 12 months) with a driver who had been drinking.

10% of Waterbury youth with 31-40 Developmental Assets rode (once or more in the last 12 months) with a driver who had been drinking.

Just 10 More

To help Waterbury youth develop Just 10 More Developmental Assets, you can:

- Get to know your child’s friends and acknowledge their positive actions. Affirm positive friendships without going overboard.
- Children learn by example. Ask yourself: Do your friends model responsible behavior? Are they a good influence on you?
- Talk to young people about the dangers of drinking and driving. Encourage them to become involved in healthy activities such as sports, the arts, or music.
- Train students to be peer counselors of peer helpers. Provide cooperative learning opportunities for students, and talk to young people about healthy friendships.

Waterbury Prevention Policy Board

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Positive Peer Influence: Children’s best friends model responsible behavior. They are a good influence. They do well at school and stay away from risky behaviors such as alcohol and other drug use.

Did you know 68% of Waterbury young people report that their best friends model positive responsible behavior?