

“Drinking and driving is a serious crime that we as a society are only beginning to confront. When you, as a teenager, drink and drive, you place your hopes, your dreams and your future at risk. Don't partake in this needless activity. Don't drink and drive.”

**-W. Barnett Jones
Sterling Heights Police Chief**

Facts About UCS Teens:

Drinking

60% of seniors and 47% of sophomores report drinking in the past 30 days

38% of seniors and 26% of sophomores report binge drinking (consuming five or more drinks) in the past two weeks

20% of seniors and 15% of sophomores report drinking while in a car*

Drinking and Driving

18% of seniors and 6% of sophomores report drinking and driving*

Binge Drinking and Driving

8% of seniors and 3% of sophomores report binge drinking and driving*

Riding with a Drinking Driver

25% of seniors and 26% of sophomores report riding with a driver who had been drinking*

11% of seniors and 12% of sophomores report riding with a driver who had been binge drinking*

Source: Utica Community Schools - Michigan Alcohol and Other Drugs School Survey 2001-02

*During the past two weeks

Utica area Community Action Team

Who we are ...

UCAT is a coalition in the Utica Community Schools attendance area whose mission is to develop and implement strategies that prevent, reduce or delay youth drug use. It was formed in 1992 in order to complement and strengthen prevention efforts in schools and the community.

Our vision is a safe and supportive community for families where:

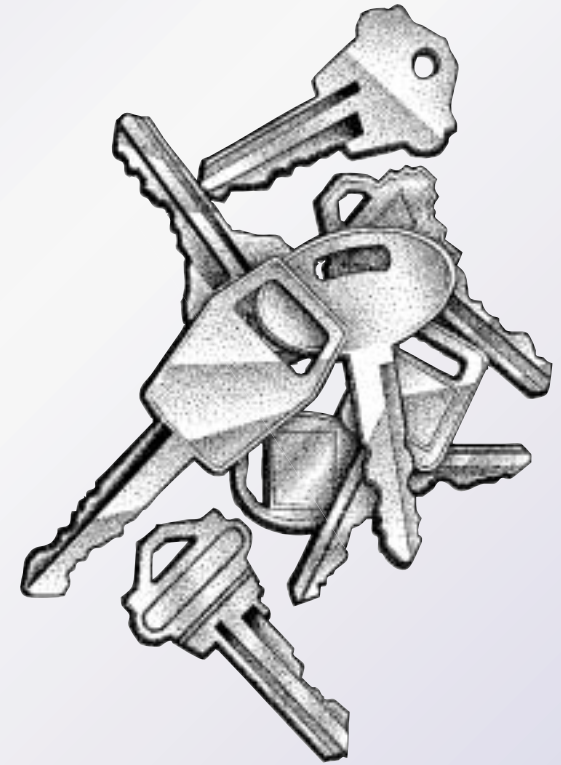
- ✗ Healthy activities are encouraged
- ✗ Parents provide care and guidance to children
- ✗ Youth develop into capable and competent young adults

Our goals ...

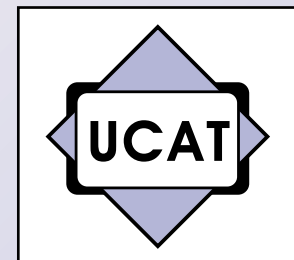
- ✗ Increase community awareness about the devastating effects of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs
- ✗ Promote positive community activities for youth
- ✗ Support parents in their prevention efforts

“No one has more influence over your ability to choose whether you smoke, drink or take drugs than yourself. Choose to make the right choice. You have the power.”

**- Mark Hackel
Macomb County Sheriff**



It's time to be RESPONSIBLE



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TEENAGE SAFE AND SOBER DRIVING CAMPAIGN

Responsibilities

As parents, we all want our children to be safe. Driving an automobile is serious business. Before our children enter a car as the driver, we as parents should set limits and responsibilities to be met by our young drivers.

As parents we **have the right** to say **NO** if our child is not ready to drive — even if they have reached age 16. The driver's manual from the Secretary of State supports this statement. The parent or legal guardian who co-signs the driver's license application has authority to cancel the license until the child's 18th birthday.

Original license applicants are placed on probation for a minimum of three years. Their driving is subject to review by the Michigan Department of State at any time during the 3-year period.

Michigan laws for licensing teenage drivers

Teens who want to apply for a driver's license must comply with a series of driver licensing rules. A graduated system sets up three levels of novice licenses:

- **LEVEL ONE** - At this entry level stage, the teens must be at least 14 years and 9 months old, and have their parent's written permission to enroll in Level One driver's education. Then they must successfully complete the course and pass written and verbal tests.

Following completion of these requirements, students must log 50 hours of practice driving, including 10 hours of night driving, with a parent or designated, licensed adult. They must complete a second phase of driver's education and not have any crashes or violations for 90 days before applying for a Level Two license.

- **LEVEL TWO** - Now the driver must be 16 years old, possess a Level One learner's license for no less than six months and complete all of the Level One requirements. With this license, the teen may only drive from 5 a.m. to midnight, unless they are with a parent or are required to be out later because of a job.

- **LEVEL THREE** - At this stage of licensing, the driver must be 17 years old, have a Level Two intermediate license for no less than six months, and complete 12 consecutive months of driving without a moving violation, at-fault crash, license suspension or violation of graduated restrictions. A Level Three full license grants full driving privileges without restrictions.

Laws and consequences

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Laws affecting drinking and driving were implemented Oct. 1, 1999 for people younger than 21 with blood alcohol content, known as Zero Tolerance Laws.

First offense: \$250 fine plus court costs; community service; substance abuse screening and treatment; 30-day suspension of license with restrictions dictated by the Secretary of State.

Second offense: \$500 fine plus court costs; a maximum 93 days in jail; screening and treatment; 90-day suspension of license; no restricted license allowed. Any prior alcohol-related offense may be used to make a new offense your second offense.

Parent and child may have to appear in court, where court oversight fees will be levied.

NOTE: Students do not have to be driving to have their licenses suspended.



KEY

OUIL: Operating Under the Influence of Liquor
OUID: Operating Under the Influence of Drugs
UBAL: Operating with an Unlawful Blood Alcohol Level
OWI: Operating While Impaired

First offense (OUIL, OUID, UBAL):

\$100 to \$500 fine plus court costs; maximum of 93 days in jail; community service; six points; license suspended six months, with first 30 days hard suspension; restricted license as dictated by the Secretary of State; immobilization of vehicle at discretion of court.

First offense (OWI):

\$300 fine plus court costs; maximum of 93 days in jail; community service; four points; license suspended six months, 90 days with immediate restricted license as dictated by the Secretary of State; immobilization of vehicle at discretion of the court.

Second offense (OWI, OUIL, UBAL):

\$200 to \$1,000 fine plus court costs; five days to one year in jail; 30 to 90 days community service; four to six points; license revoked for a minimum of one year; mandatory immobilization of vehicle for 24 to 180 days, or permissive forfeiture at the discretion of the court.

Third offense (OWI, OUIL, UBAL):

\$500 to \$5,000 fine plus court costs; one to five years in jail, or 30 days to one year in jail plus 60 to 180 days of community service; four to six points; license revoked for five years; mandatory immobilization of vehicle for six months to three years, or permissive forfeiture at the discretion of the court. Zero Tolerance Laws may be used as one prior for enhancement purposes.

“A telephone call informing a parent of his or her child's involvement in an automobile crash is certainly one of the most dreaded fears a parent can have. Teaching our children the hard realities of the consequences of drinking and driving is a positive, loving step that we all can take to reduce the chances of getting that call.”

- Carl J. Marlinga
Macomb County Prosecuting Attorney