

# Tampa Alcohol Coalition

The Tampa Alcohol Coalition (TAC) was created in 2001 in response to community concerns about underage drinking, binge drinking and impaired driving in Hillsborough County. TAC is a sub committee of the Hillsborough County Anti Drug Alliance.



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## Underage Drinking Facts:

Past 30 days student alcohol use:

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| <b>High School</b>   | <b>45.1%</b> |
| <b>Middle School</b> | <b>19.9%</b> |

Student binge drinking rates:

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| <b>High School</b>   | <b>22.9%</b> |
| <b>Middle School</b> | <b>8.3%</b>  |

Age of first drink of alcohol- 12.5 years old

7.1% of middle school and 19.2% of high school students reported being drunk or high at school

2004 Florida Youth Substance abuse survey- Hillsborough County



# Taking Action: Prevention Strategies for Parents

1. Monitor Alcohol Use in Your Home
2. Connect With Other Parents
3. Keep Track of Your Child's Activities
4. Develop Family Rules About Teen Drinking
5. Encourage Healthy Alternatives to Alcohol

## Action Checklist

Establish a loving, trusting relationship with your child.  
 Make it easy for your teen to talk honestly with you.  
 Talk with your child about alcohol facts, reasons not to drink, and ways to avoid drinking in difficult situations.  
 Know the warning signs of a teen drinking problem and act quickly to get help for your child.  
 Encourage your child to develop healthy friendships and fun alternatives to drinking.

Visit [www.tampaalcoholcoalition.com](http://www.tampaalcoholcoalition.com) for more information about teen advice and strategies

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Towing Charges- \$150, Lawyer- \$3,500, Fine- \$400, Alcohol Education Course- \$150, 3 Year Insurance Surcharge- \$1,500, License Reinstatement- \$1,000,

**\$8,000 Drink!**  
 Court Fees- \$450.

Drug and Alcohol Evaluation- \$75, Alcohol Treatment- \$400, Loss of Work Time- \$50, Cost Recovery- \$350

# TAC Meetings

Tampa Police Department

District Two  
9330 N. 30th Street  
Tampa, FL

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please check our website for date and times



Parent Brochure.

