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**For Parents – keep your kids safe**

* Make sure your child has a plan for the evening and know it.
* Know who is driving to and from - if it's a limo know the alcohol policy.
* Take stock of your alcohol in your home prior to the beginning of the night.
* Talk to your child about the school's prom rules and your prom rules and the consequences of violating them.
* Always let your son/daughter know that you will be available to pick them up if they feel unsafe regardless of the circumstance.
* Communicate with other parents and school officials.
* Stay up until your prom-goer returns home for the night and let them know you will be waiting up for them.

**Students – stay safe:**

* Share all of your plans for the evening with your parents, including after-Prom parties (give them locations and phone numbers).
* Stay with a group of friends throughout the night. Watch out for each other.
* Make sure your cell phone is fully charged before leaving home for the night.
* Don't leave possessions or any of your beverages/food unattended.
* Always wear your seatbelt.
* DON'T drink or use drugs and drive or get in a vehicle with someone else who has.
* Know the warning signs for alcohol or drug overdose and call 911 immediately if you see someone exhibiting signs.

***From Steuben County District Attorney Brooks T. Baker:***

“Let me congratulate the parents, families and especially the students as the 2018-2019 school year comes to a close. It is a long road to graduation and everyone should be extremely proud as the students have reached this milestone of their educational journey. While such an achievement deserves great celebration, it is important to remember that these prom and graduation celebrations need to be conducted in a manner that is both safe and legal.”

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*MOST OF ALL - - ENJOY THESE WONDERFUL CELEBRATIONS!*