



KNOW YOUR TEENAGER'S FRIENDS

Another way of having good *communication* with your teen is to know their friends and to actively engage in discussing their social lives. Parenting your teen can be a lot easier if you know a few things:

- a) where your teen is,
- b) who they are with,
- c) what they are doing and
- d) when they will be home.

Communication is the key to knowing these things. All of those questions can be asked in a friendly but direct conversation. By *communicating* and knowing your *teen's friends* it shows you have an interest in your child. Some tips for having open communication about your teens friends follow:

- * Ask your *teens* about their friends...what they like to do...where they work...who their boy and girl friends are.
- * Encourage your daughter or son to invite their *friends* over to your house for movies, popcorn.
- * Keep an address book or circle names in the phone book of your kids' friends names, telephone numbers and addresses. You may need them in an emergency.
- * Call the parent(s) of youth who are throwing a party. Maybe you can help, and your concern can be reassuring to your child and the other parent.

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