## Y. PREVENTION! Newsletter

sion: Healthy Resilient Youth in a Safe Drug Free Community

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## Alcohol service and sales practices can be linked to increased risk At least

85,000 people die each year from alcohol-related causes, making alcohol-related problems the third leading cause of death in the United States. Impaired driving is a significant cause of injuries and fatalities in the United States. Alcohol impaired driving was involved in 32 percent of traffic crash fatalities in 2007, resulting in 12,998 fatalities. Almost one in four victims of violent crime report that the perpetrator had been drinking prior to committing the violence. It is estimated that 32 to 50 percent of homicides are preceded by alcohol consumption by the perpetrator, accidental

deaths and 29 percent of suicides in the United States are linked to the consumption of alcohol. Approximately 39 percent of accidental deaths and 29 percent of suicides in the United States are linked to the consumption of alcohol. The total monetary cost of alcohol-attributable consequences (including health care costs, productivity losses, and alcohol-related crime costs) in 1998 was estimated to be a staggering \$185 billion. The total monetary cost of alcohol-attributable consequences (including health care costs, productivity losses, and alcohol-related crime costs) in 1998 was estimated to be a staggering \$185 billion. Alcohol service and sales practices can be linked to the increased risk of impaired driving and alcohol-related violence and injury. Approximately 50 percent of drinking drivers start their intoxicated journey from licensed establishments. Serving alcohol to intoxicated people can also result in other risky behavior and criminal outcomes. One out of 10 alcohol-involved violent incidents occurs in a bar or restaurant. Excessive alcohol consumption also leads to law enforcement "calls for service" for a variety of problems, including motor vehicle crashes, assaults, alcohol poisoning, vandalism, and More information

## THE SEASON TO OVER DO! DON'T LET IT BE YOU!

Youth - Think First

• Is this risky?

· What will this mean for my future?

• Am I being pressured?

• How would my parents feel if they found out?

· What other choices do I have?

Is this consistent with what I value?

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