

## \*Help Yourself...

### Ask for a Referral to a Brief Prevention Intervention

Network 180 Access Center:  
616.336.3909

Heart of West Michigan United Way:  
211

### FOR ADDITIONAL HELP:

12 Step Programs, 24 hr. Hotline:  
616.913.9149  
[www.grandrapidsaa.org](http://www.grandrapidsaa.org)

Legal Assistance Center:  
616.632.6000

17th Circuit Court, Family Division:  
616.632.5120

Free Confidential Screening :  
[checkyourself.com/quiz.aspx](http://checkyourself.com/quiz.aspx)

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## Just the FACTS!

- 90% of Kent County High School students surveyed who know that their parents disapprove of underage alcohol use *do NOT drink.*\*\*
- AND, 98% of those that do not drink, *do NOT use marijuana.*\*\*
- Early alcohol use can impair a young person's *learning ability, memory, and social development.* One drink for an adolescent does the brain damage of two for an adult, says the AMA.
- Youth who drink before age 15 are *four times more likely to develop alcohol addiction* than those who begin drinking at age 21. ([www.niaaa.nih.gov](http://www.niaaa.nih.gov))



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the harmful use of alcohol, tobacco  
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**MIP**  
Minor In Possession

# YOU'VE BEEN CAUGHT!

## WHAT Can YOU Do Now?



## WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

- **If You Are 16 or Younger:** You may NOT receive an official ticket at the time of the MIP citation. Your parent or guardian WILL be notified.
- **If You Are 17 or Over:** You WILL receive an official ticket with court appearance information at the time of the MIP citation.

**Did you KNOW: 65% -75% of Kent County High School students surveyed do NOT drink alcohol; 75-80% do NOT use marijuana or tobacco.\*\***

### ■ Legal Consequences for ALL:

- Fines/costs
- Community service
- Alcohol and other drug screening at your expense
- Possible license suspension
- Possible probation or jail time

Michigan Law states that: Simply possessing any alcoholic beverage, whether in a motor vehicle or not, can result in a license suspension for a teen. ALSO, drug convictions require license suspensions. [www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1627\\_8665---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1627_8665---,00.html)

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- **Accept responsibility** for your actions. You made the choice.
- **Help Yourself:** Seek a professional brief intervention. If you obtain this prior to beginning the MIP judicial process, you may be able to successfully advocate for diversion from the traditional court process. It will further address your use of illegal substances. To learn more about **brief interventions**, go to: <http://sbirt.samhsa.gov/about.htm>
- **EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT** to a diversion from court to an intervention program for a first offense. This may help reduce fines, costs, and other consequences.

**Did you KNOW: 92% of Kent County High School students surveyed prefer to date a non-smoker; 90% prefer a non-user of marijuana, and 84% prefer a non-drinker. \*\***

- **If You Are 16 or Younger:** If you stay out of legal trouble for one year, your MIP may go away.
- **If You Are 17 or Over:** You may be able to have your MIP record expunged after 7 years. For more on this, go to: [http://courts.michigan.gov/scao/selfhelp/family/setaside\\_help.htm](http://courts.michigan.gov/scao/selfhelp/family/setaside_help.htm)

\*\*8,000 Kent County High School Students Surveyed by Alcohol Laboratories for Education, Research and Training, 2005-2009. Find more information at: [www.alertlabs.org](http://www.alertlabs.org)

## Michigan MIP & ZERO TOLERANCE LAW

NO alcohol for anyone under the age of 21.

It is illegal for people under the age of 21 to *buy, possess, consume, or transport* alcoholic beverages.

It is illegal to have alcohol in your vehicle when there is no adult accompanying you. If you are caught, you can be charged with a misdemeanor, whether you're on the road or in a parking lot.

Regardless of your age, selling or furnishing alcohol to a person under 21, or failing to make a diligent inquiry as to whether they are under 21, is a misdemeanor. It is a felony if it results in death.



NOTE: This material is created by the Kent County Prevention Coalition in collaboration with the Kent County Law Enforcement Community and is informational. It does not constitute legal advice.