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### **Planning A Safe After Ball**

The school ball is often the highlight of the year for senior school students and as part of these celebrations students can attend after ball functions.

A well-planned after ball party can be a safe and enjoyable evening for all, as long as the right precautionary measures are put in place.

Planning a safe after ball party requires time, energy and a lot of hard work to ensure everything runs smoothly.

If you are planning an after ball or large event you should consider:

- Setting up a working party
- Involving SADD students (Students Against Drunk Driving), teachers, Rodney District Council, Police and parents
- Ensuring transport is available to and from the event
- Understand the Sale of Liquor Act and how it applies to youth
- Limiting numbers – no ticket, no entry

Party hosts owe it to themselves, their mates and everyone else to make sure everyone gets home safely.

The Council has a number of resources available for parents and young people that provide sound practical advice about the safe use of alcohol, in addition the Alcohol Advisory Council website [www.alac.org.nz](http://www.alac.org.nz) has some useful resources and checklists for those planning an after ball party or big event.

For further information please contact:

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