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JEWISH CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES

847/745-5400 (general)

855/275-5237 (intakes)

LINKS

847/441-6191

METROPOLITAN FAMILY SERVICES

847/425-7500

PEER SERVICES, INC.

847/492-1778

RESPONSE CENTER

847/676-0078

SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT

847/674-1500

SKOKIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

847/982-5900 (non-emergency)

SKOKIE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME TIP HOT LINE

847/933-TIPS (8477) 24-hours a day

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847/933-0051

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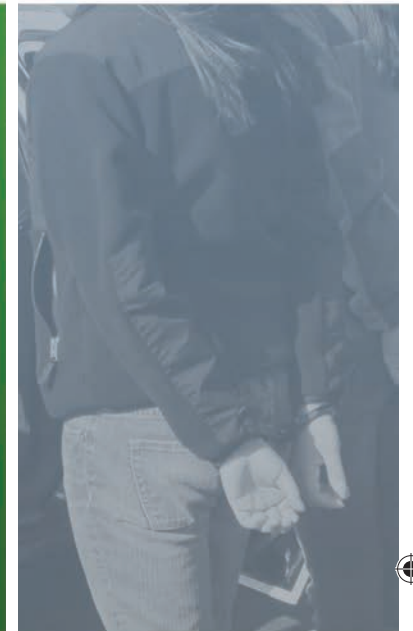
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VILLAGE OF SKOKIE

PARENTS, TEENAGERS & THE LAW



ALCOHOL

It is illegal for any person under 21 years of age to consume, purchase or possess alcohol. No adult over the age of 21 may purchase or provide alcohol to persons under the age of 21. No property owner, occupant or tenant of a residence shall permit a person under the age of 21 to possess or consume alcohol on premises. There is an exemption for consumption by someone underage if done so in conjunction with a religious ceremony, with parental consent and under adult supervision. The use of false identification to purchase alcohol is illegal.



BICYCLE HELMETS

Every person under age 16 shall wear a protective helmet whenever riding or being carried on any bicycle or any carrier attached to or pulled by a bicycle upon a public highway, sidewalk, bicycle path or other public right-of-way within the corporate limits of the Village.

CURFEW

Unless accompanied by a responsible adult, children under age 17 must be home between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday. On Friday and Saturday, curfew begins at midnight. The driver's license of a 16 year old is not valid after curfew.



Parents and teens should be aware that other communities may have curfew laws more restrictive than Skokie's. These Skokie parks close at dusk: Gross Point, Lee Wright, Winnebago and Tecumseh. All other Skokie parks close at 10 p.m. daily. Ordinance violation tickets will be issued to any person in a park after closing.

A MESSAGE TO PARENTS...

Parenting is one of the most difficult challenges that a person can face in life. As a parent or guardian, you are legally responsible for your child's behavior. Knowing the rules and consequences for breaking the rules will help you and your child.

This brochure is intended to provide guidelines and information for parents and teens about Village ordinances and also to increase understanding of juvenile criminal offenses.

The Youth Outreach Program primarily addresses juveniles and young adults who are first-time offenders ticketed for violating various Village ordinances. Examples of Village ordinances that are most often violated by minors include minors in possession of alcohol/tobacco, curfew, truancy, disorderly conduct, in a park after hours, vandalism/graffiti, possession/discharge of fireworks, trespassing and possession of marijuana (under age 18, less than 2.5 grams).

The Youth Outreach Program focuses on early intervention and prevention. It provides the police and court an array of positive resources to assist the offender and their family. Resources include:

- Substance Abuse Education
- Anger Management Program
- Tobacco/Nicotine Addiction Education Program
- Fire Safety/Prevention Program
- Community Service
- Individual and/or Family Assessments
- Individual and/or Family Counseling
- Substance Abuse Evaluations/Treatment/Counseling and Drug Testing

If you have any questions, please call the Youth Outreach Coordinator at
847/982-5939
or Director of Human Services at
847/933-8208

All teens shown in this brochure volunteered to participate in the photographs contained herein.

CONSEQUENCES

Teens and their parents should understand that when a violation of the law occurs, there are consequences. At age 18, teens are considered adults in Illinois, and in certain instances, can be charged with criminal offenses requiring the posting of a cash bond and an appearance in criminal court.

Juveniles under age 18, depending on the criminal violation, may be given a Police Station Adjustment, referred to Juvenile Court, Peer Jury or Youth Ordinance Court. The violation of a statute ordinance may result in the issuance of a citation that requires a court appearance. A range of outcomes are possible from a court appearance including, but not limited to: mandatory community service, court supervision, substance abuse evaluation, counseling, educational program attendance, restitution, payment of fine, suspension of driving privileges or criminal conviction.

YOUTH OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Village of Skokie's Youth Ordinance Court works in conjunction with the Youth Outreach Program. The youth and a parent/guardian must appear in court. The judge will order a consequence or resolution that would be beneficial to the juvenile, their family and the community as a whole. Youth Ordinance Court takes place at the Cook County Courthouse, 5600 Old Orchard Road, Skokie.

PEER JURY

The "Peer Jury" program is an alternative approach to the prosecution and court supervision of certain first-time, non-violent juvenile offenders. Staffed by the Skokie Police Department and community volunteers, offenders are ordered by a jury of their peers to supervised community service. Juveniles referred to the Peer Jury have been arrested for such offenses as theft or retail theft, criminal damage, disorderly conduct, harassment by telephone and possession of marijuana.

STATION ADJUSTMENT

The Skokie Police have the authority to impose a "station adjustment" depending upon several variables including the seriousness of the offense, any prior history of delinquency, the age of the minor, the willingness of the minor to accept responsibility for his/her offense, the aggressive or premeditated nature of the offense and the use of any weapon when committing the offense. Station adjustments are imposed and monitored by police officers.

SHOPLIFTING

All minors arrested for a first-time shoplifting offense are assigned to the shoplifting program coordinated by the Response Center in Skokie. Fees associated with the program must be paid by the minor and/or the minor's parents/guardians.

DRIVING PRIVILEGES

Driver's license holders under age 18 may not operate a motor vehicle with more than one passenger under 20 years of age unless the additional passenger(s) are siblings, step-siblings, children or step-children of the driver. This restriction applies for the first six months as a license holder or until age 18, whichever occurs first. Parents will be required to appear in court for a minor child who receives a citation for a violation of a traffic law. The driver's license of a 16 year old is not valid after curfew. Persons under the age of 18 may lose driving privileges for violation of various laws related to traffic offenses, drugs, alcohol or other statutes.

ZERO TOLERANCE

A person who is less than 21 years of age and who drives or is in actual physical control of a motor vehicle upon the public highways of the State of Illinois shall be

deemed to have given consent to a chemical test or tests of blood, breath or urine for the purpose of determining the alcohol content of the person's blood, if arrested, as evidenced by the issuance of a Uniform Traffic Ticket for any violation of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance. A person requested to submit to a test as provided above shall be warned by the law enforcement officer requesting the test that a refusal to submit to the test, or submission to the test



resulting in an alcohol concentration of more than 0.00, may result in the loss of that person's privilege to operate a motor vehicle.

DRUGS AND PARAPHERNALIA

In the State of Illinois, no person may knowingly possess, manufacture, sell or deliver any controlled substance. The law also prohibits any person from growing, possessing, selling, giving away, delivering or distributing marijuana. The possession, sale or delivery of drug paraphernalia is similarly prohibited. Pursuant to the Skokie Village Code, youths under age 18 possessing less than 2.5 grams of marijuana may be ticketed and referred to the Youth Outreach Program.



FIREWORKS

It is unlawful for any person to possess or discharge fireworks in the Village of Skokie and the State of Illinois.

SCHOOL TRUANCY, TRESPASSING ON SCHOOL PROPERTY AND MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Parents may be held criminally responsible for truant children. It is against school district policy to be on school property unless you are a registered student or have school permission. *No medications, including aspirin, may be brought to school, unless they are to be dispensed by the school nurse.*

TOBACCO

It is against the law for anyone under age 18 to smoke, purchase or possess any tobacco product in the Village of Skokie. The use of false identification to purchase tobacco is illegal. No adult may purchase tobacco products for anyone under age 18. In addition, it is unlawful for vendors to sell tobacco products to persons under age 18.



VANDALISM/GRAFFITI

No person shall knowingly or recklessly damage or cause to be damaged any property of another person. Parents may be held both criminally and financially responsible for any act of vandalism or criminal damage committed by their minor child. Parents will be required to accompany their child to court, and may be ordered to make restitution.



WEAPONS

State law prohibits anyone from carrying (on or about their person) weapons including, but not limited to a concealed pistol, revolver or other firearm, metal knuckles, throwing stars, spring-loaded knives (such as switchblades or ballistic knives) or other dangerous weapons. All weapons are prohibited in Skokie schools. This includes knives of any length and toy guns, toy knives or replicas of weapons.