

Rotary District 5080

YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Drinking and Driving Policy and Regulations

Instructions to Clubs:

These regulations must be reviewed with the host family and the student. A copy should be placed in the student folder and host family orientation package.

DRINKING PROGRAM REGULATIONS

Part 1:

The parents of a Youth Exchange (YE) student remain Legal Guardians during the exchange year. They have entrusted District 5080 to take care of their child and keep them safe and healthy during the exchange.

The Rotary Youth Exchange Officer (YEO) is the Custodian of a Youth Exchange student.

The Host Family (HF) is the Host of the YE student.

As Custodian and Host, there is an obligation to keep the student safe and healthy. There is also an obligation to ensure all rules and regulations are being followed by all parties. All parties are to be held to a higher standard than they would with their own children.

Part 2:

For clarification purposes, the legal drinking age in Idaho and Washington is 21 and in British Columbia 19.

The Long-Term Exchange Program Rules and Conditions of Exchange on alcohol reads: *"The illegal drinking of alcoholic beverages is expressly forbidden. Students who are of legal age should refrain. If your host family offers you an alcoholic drink, it is permissible to accept it under their supervision in the home."*

This above paragraph is part of an International Youth Exchange document and the final sentence is intended for countries where students are of legal age to consume alcoholic beverages. The final sentence is not intended to give permission to serve alcohol to a student who is not of legal age. In District 5080 (Idaho, Washington and British Columbia) it is illegal to serve alcoholic beverages (beer, wine and spirits) to any underage student under any circumstances.

DRIVING REGULATIONS

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Part 2:

A Youth Exchange student is forbidden to enter a car with a DRIVER who has a restricted license (Examples: adult with a driving violation that has caused them to have a restricted license; students who have taken driver education training and passed their driver's test but do not have an unrestricted license to drive.) DRIVERS must have a valid unrestricted license for the state or province in which they reside. All three areas of our District – Washington, Idaho and British Columbia have different driving rules and regulations.

A Youth Exchange student is forbidden to enter a car with a DRIVER who is impaired. If a Youth Exchange student suspects that a DRIVER is impaired, they are required to get out of the car as soon as possible and call their Host Parent, Counselor or Youth Exchange Officer for pick-up.