

A message to parents...

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

This pamphlet is intended to provide guidelines and information for parents and teens about Village ordinances and understanding juvenile criminal offenses.

The Youth Outreach Program primarily addresses juveniles and young adults that are first-time offenders ticketed for violating various Village ordinances. Examples of Village ordinances that are most often violated by minors are: 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 17, 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 Services Placements*
- *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 847/982-5971 or **Director of Human Services** at 847/933-8437.

For assistance, call the appropriate agencies listed below:

Jewish Child and Family

Services

847/568-5200

Links

847/441-6191

Metropolitan Family Services

847/676-2404

Peer Services

847/492-1778

Response Center

847/676-0078

Skokie Park District

847/674-1500

Turning Point Behavioral

Health Care Center

847/933-0051

Village of Skokie -

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847/933-8208



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PARENTS, TEENAGERS & THE LAW

What you need to know...



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Alcohol

It is illegal for any person under the age of 21 years 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 also is illegal.

Bicycle Helmets

Every person under age 16 shall wear a protective helmet whenever that person is riding or being carried on any bicycle or any carrier attached to or pulled by a bicycle and is 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 6:00 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. Skokie parks close at 10:00 p.m. daily. Ordinance violation tickets are issued to any person in a park after 10:00 p.m.

Driving Privileges

Driver's license holders under age 18, for the first six months as a license holder or until age 18, whichever occurs first, 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. Parents will be required to appear in court for a minor child that 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 youth's driver's license can be revoked if they are convicted of transporting or possessing alcohol or violating drug and alcohol laws while in control of a motor vehicle. If a police officer has probable cause to believe that the driver under the age of 21 has consumed any amount of an alcoholic beverage, and in physical control of a motor vehicle upon a public highway shall be deemed to have given consent to chemical testing to determine blood alcohol content if arrested.

Drugs and Paraphernalia

State law mandates that 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. Youths under age of 17 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 and 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 or buy any tobacco product in the Village of Skokie. The use of false identification to purchase tobacco is also 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 responsible both criminally and financially for any act of vandalism or criminal damage committed by their minor child. Parents will be required to make a court appearance and may be ordered to make restitution.

Weapons

State law prohibits anyone from carrying (on or about their person) a concealed pistol, revolver or other firearm, metal knuckles, throwing stars, knives or other dangerous weapons. In the Village of Skokie, it is unlawful for any person to fire or discharge a gun, pistol or other firearm, including BB and pellet guns. All weapons are prohibited in Skokie schools. This includes knives of any length and toy guns, toy knives or replicas of weapons.

Consequences

Teens and their parents should understand that when a violation of the law occurs, there are consequences. At age 17, 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 17 may be given a Police Station Adjustment or referred to the Peer Jury, the Youth Outreach Program or Juvenile Court. The violation of a statute or ordinance may result in the issuance of a citation, that requires a court appearance. A court appearance may have a range of outcomes, including but not limited to mandatory community service, court supervision, payment of a fine, suspension of driving privileges and/or restitution or criminal conviction, drug and alcohol evaluation and counseling.

A monthly Youthful Offender Court Call works in conjunction with the Youth Outreach Program. The youth and a parent/guardian must appear at this Court Call to allow judges increased time to discuss the offense with the offender and remedies that will best serve the child, their family and the community as a whole. Youthful Offender Court Calls take place at the Skokie Court Facility, 5600 Old Orchard Road in Skokie.