



# San Ramon Police Department Crime Prevention News

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## High School Students, Hosting Parties with Alcoholic Beverages By Officer Rob Ransom

The San Ramon Police Department routinely deals with juvenile parties at residences where alcohol is being consumed. These juvenile parties occur almost every weekend in the city and have resulted in thefts, medical emergencies, fights and other criminal offenses. Due to the frequency and range of issues that develop from these juvenile parties, it is important to understand all the consequences that parents as well as juveniles may be faced with should they decide to host a party which creates an opportunity for a juvenile to drink or possess alcohol.

San Ramon Municipal Code B7-12 states:

*No person shall host or allow a party at his or her place of residence or private property where five or more persons under the age of twenty-one are present and alcohol beverages are in the possession of, or are being consumed by any person under twenty-one years. A violation of this*

*section shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment for a period not to exceed six months, or both.*

San Ramon Municipal Code **B7-11** defines the person responsible for the party or event as: *the person who owns, rents, or leases the premises where the party or event takes place. If the person in charge of the party is a minor, then the parents or guardians of that minor will be jointly and separately liable for the costs incurred for the police services.*

San Ramon Police Department may charge up to \$500 for a single incident for police services, but may pursue the recovery of additional costs through legal means. This would be in addition to the maximum fine of \$1,000.00 for the violation.

Therefore, if you have a party at your house and people under the age of twenty-one

years are drinking or in possession of alcohol, both the parent (even if the parent is NOT present) and the minor may be cited for a misdemeanor. In addition, those responsible for the party may be billed for the police resources that were used to address the party.

For additional information and definitions of the San Ramon Municipal Code, please refer to the website at [www.municode.com/resources/gateway.asp?pid=16611&sid=5](http://www.municode.com/resources/gateway.asp?pid=16611&sid=5). You may also email San Ramon Police Officer and California High School Resource Officer Rob Ransom at [rransom@sanramon.ca.gov](mailto:rransom@sanramon.ca.gov).



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### **TO REPORT A CRIME**

#### **EMERGENCY**

**9-1-1**

#### **Non-Emergency**

**(925) 973-2779**

#### **Abandoned Vehicles**

**(925) 973-2700**

#### **Neighborhood Watch**

**(925) 973-2796**

To report other miscellaneous complaints to the Police Department or other offices in the city try our website at :  
<http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/police/online.htm>

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## PROPERTY CRIME STATISTICS FOR APRIL—AUGUST 2009

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>TOTAL BY TYPE</u>
Stolen Vehicles	20
Recovered Stolen Vehicles	11
Auto Burglaries	101
Commercial Burglaries	37
Residential Burglaries	24
Grand/Petty Thefts	220



## Family Guide to Safe Internet Usage

The internet is a magnificent tool, but it can be a dangerous place where you could be susceptible to identity thieves and all sorts of predators. By taking precautionary measures, you can heighten your online experience and that of your children, while reducing the risk of financial or physical harm coming to your family members.

Talk to your kids and maintain open lines of communication. If a child has a bad experience online, never blame them – the victim. Your reaction to what they tell you will affect how much they will share with you in the future.

As a general rule, children should never plan to meet in person anyone they've met online. Help them understand that in reality people may not be who they say they are, or who they appear to be. Predators know how to, and are experienced at placing "bait" out for their victims and will fabricate any sort of façade that will engage their victim into continuing contact and a relationship.

If an in-person meeting seems to be appropriate, such as a local student, such an initial meeting should be planned for a neutral and safe public place with many people (safety in numbers).

Children should never divulge personal information over the internet and should pick an unidentifiable screen name to maintain their anonymity. In addition, they should never exchange any pictures, letters or telephone numbers with an online acquaintance. If your child receives any email that makes them uncomfortable, or if it's obscene in nature, they should tell you immediately. They should also report to you any similar postings they see on message boards, chat rooms and internet sites.

Teach your children about "free" offers they might see online, and that con artists use such terms as a bait-and-switch tactic to attract new business. A child should ask their parent first, before signing up for anything online, even when there is no credit card number required.

Consider enabling any parental controls your internet service provider may provide. Using a safe search engine with filters activated, blocking specified content and using available rating systems can help safeguard your child. If they do accidentally happen upon a questionable site and have reported it to you, applaud them for doing so, but never be judgmental.

Internet-related crime should always be reported to the authorities, such as: [www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com) - National Center for Missing and Exploited Children ; [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) - Federal Trade Commission (consumer fraud, auction fraud, etc.) ; <http://>



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