

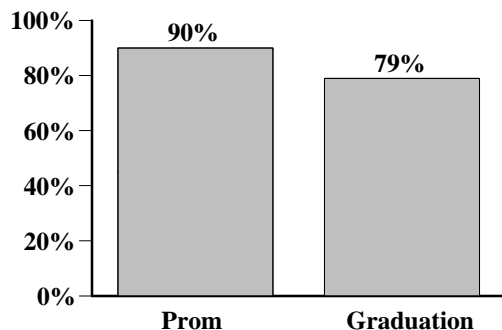
**A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research**

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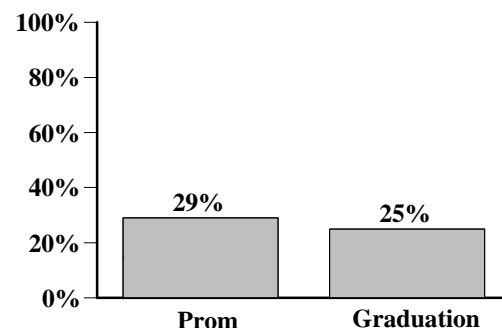
***Nearly All 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Graders Believe Their Peers Are More Likely to Drink and Drive on Prom and Graduation Nights;  
Less Than One-Third Think Driving on These Nights is Dangerous***

Students may be more likely to drink and drive on prom and graduation nights, according to a survey of 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students across the country. Nearly all of the students surveyed (90%) said that their peers are more likely to drink and drive on prom night, and 79% report the same for graduation night. Despite this belief, students do not seem to think that driving on these nights is dangerous. Less than one-third (29%) reported that they believe that driving on prom night comes with a high degree of danger, and 25% said the same for graduation night. These findings suggest that there is a need to provide high school students with prevention messages that paint an accurate picture of the risks and consequences from drinking and driving during prom and graduation season.

**While the Majority of 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Graders Believe That Their Peers Are More Likely to Drink and Drive on Prom Night and Graduation Night . . .**



**. . . Considerably Less Believe That Driving on These Nights Comes with a High Degree of Danger**



NOTES: The survey was conducted by ORC Guideline for Liberty Mutual and Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD). A total of 2,531 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders from 25 randomly recruited high schools across the country were surveyed in the Fall of 2009. The margin of error is +/- 1.7 percent.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from Liberty Mutual/SADD, "Study Shows 90 Percent of Teens Admit Stronger Likelihood of Drinking and Driving on Prom Night, Yet Less Than One-Third See Dangers," Press Release, 2010.

**Live Training Programs on Office-Based Buprenorphine Treatment**

MedChi's Center for a Health Maryland is offering a unique series of live training programs on office-based buprenorphine treatment to be held in May and June. Programs include an 8-hour CME Buprenorphine Certification Program, a Clinical Management Tips Program (2.5 CME credits), and a Practice Management Tips Program (3 CME credits). For registration forms and for more information, visit [www.healthymaryland.org/buprenorphine.php](http://www.healthymaryland.org/buprenorphine.php).