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## Talking with your kids about alcohol

Talking with your kids about alcohol doesn't have to be uncomfortable.

When you take the time to have a conversation, and you are open to hearing what your child has to say, you are giving your child or teen the guidance they need to make healthy decisions.

Here are some tips to start a conversation about alcohol:

- Encourage questions and listen well to what your kids have to say to you
- Be brief and neutral when explaining the facts
- Try to understand your child's point of view.

By respecting one another's views, you will encourage future conversations and you'll encourage your kids to come to you with questions.

And remember, if you or someone you know is struggling with addiction, call Health Link at 811 or your local Addiction & Mental Health office. Help is available.