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No Parents at the Party

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You are excited because you've been invited to a party on Friday night. Since summer vacation just started, you think it will be easy to convince your parents to let you stay out a little bit later than usual.

You and your friends are hanging out and talking about the party. You decide what you are going to wear. You talk about the people who will be there and how much fun it will be. It sounds like Friday is going to be a great day!

Then one of your friends tells you that there will be no adults supervising the party. Your friend seems glad about this, but you know that this friend's parents have a rule that your friend can only attend parties when an adult is there.

Your friend really wants to go to the party anyway and asks your advice about the situation. What should you do?

How would you react?

1. Why do you think some parents have the rule about adult supervision at parties?

2. How do you generally feel about that rule?

3. How do most of your friends feel about that rule?

4. Would you feel comfortable asking someone to arrange for a chaperone at the party?



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5. What would you do if your friend wanted to lie to his or her parents about the adult supervision at the party? Explain your reasons for your answer.

6. Are any of your other friends in the same situation of not being allowed to attend the party unless there is adult supervision? Are any of them asking their parents if they can attend the party anyway? What happens in those cases?

7. Would your friend's parents ever be a little flexible about their rule? Why or why not? Under what circumstances do you think they might be more flexible? Would you feel comfortable suggesting these ideas to your friend as points of discussion with his or her parents?

8. How do you end up advising your friend about the situation? Do you support your friend's efforts to attend this party in spite of that rule?
