

Prom/Graduation Season Moves In With Usual Concerns

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We have moved into the prom and graduation season, which can be a concern for parents, teachers, and law enforcement.

"Underage access to alcohol typically increases, or at least they try to increase, you know, alcohol consumption during these big events for them," Omaha "Project Extra Mile" Executive Director Chris Wagner tells KFAB Radio News.

Wagner says they continue to try and counteract teen alcohol use through efforts like law enforcement compliance checks to stop sales of alcohol to minors and working to prevent adults from providing alcohol to teens.

Wagner says they have partnered with Omaha-area law enforcement for over two decades on store alcohol compliance checks.

"At the beginning, it was like over 40 percent of the businesses sold to the minor that was using their real i.d. that said they were under the legal age of 21, and nowadays, we are at or below ten percent."

"Project Extra Mile" is a group that says it's committed to preventing alcohol-related harm.