



helping teens plan safer parties

## Dear Principals, Vice-Principals, and Safe Schools Committees

Your school is invited to participate in the 2011 SafeGrad Workshop which will be held on Wednesday November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The mission of the SafeGrad committee is *"to equip high school students with information, skills and community support to plan safer celebrations, not just graduation but throughout the year"*. Our goal is *"to reduce injuries due to alcohol and drug use for both the students and those who are affected by their choices"*.

### Workshop Content:

- Motivational speakers
- Breakout sessions on youth engagement, consequences, media awareness, and substance misuse
- Displays and resources
- Staff Advisor's session on Youth Engagement
- Connect with valuable community partners (Police, Public Health, MADD, etc.)

### SafeGrad Teams:

We are looking for student leaders to attend the workshop. SafeGrad teams might include a mix of students from:

- Student councils
- OSAID groups (Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving)
- Grad or prom committees
- Wellness/health/safe schools committees
- Peer tutors
- Leadership groups/classes
- Other students who demonstrate leadership in their schools and communities

### Expectations after the Workshop:

Student groups, in collaboration with their staff advisor, will be expected to disseminate safer partying information and key messages in creative ways. They may choose a variety of activities (ex. assemblies, displays, announcements, school policy development, etc).

### Workshop Location and Details:

The workshop is free of charge. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Please arrange for your own transportation. Location: The Education Centre (Thames Valley District School Board), 1250 Dundas St. E., London (at the corner of Dundas and Highbury).

### Website:

Please encourage your staff and students to check out the SafeGrad website at: [www.safegrad.com](http://www.safegrad.com)

### Registration:

RSVP by fax or email to:

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**Please RSVP by October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011**