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House Parties Posted on Social Media

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El Paso, Texas — The El Paso Police Department is issuing an urgent message to forewarn persons considering attending random “house parties” or “mansion parties” promoted through popular social media platforms. Numerous shootings, and stabbings, have occurred at those parties, some leading to retaliatory shootings at the next event. Some of the shootings have resulted in multiple victims, some of whom have tragically been killed. The use of drugs is explicitly promoted, sold, and used at the parties. Besides the illicit drug activities and underage drinking without limitation, rival gang members usually converge at the same locations and the perfect storm for violence results. The targeted age group for these events is usually teenagers through early twenty-year-olds. Consequently, because of the use of alcohol and drugs, sexual assault also occurs at those parties. So that the message is clear, the El Paso Police Department announces, the very real danger at those parties, and any person who chooses to attend one of those events is doing so at the risk of their demise. Parents of minors should monitor and restrict their children’s use of social media interactions and take the necessary appropriate measures.

The El Paso Police Department is currently investigating several cases and proactively addressing the issue through various means of enforcement. Property owners should also be forewarned and take proactive measures to prevent these types of parties because one of the means by which the issue can be addressed is through nuisance abatement laws which permit the closure of properties involved in those types of illegal activity. Property owners, including homes advertised on commonly known sites used as rentals for overnight lodging or vacation stays, should familiarize themselves with the Texas Nuisance Abatement Statute to avoid potential exposure to civil and criminal liability.



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