

POWELL POLICE
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Hoping to help parents take a leading role in preventing underage drinking, the Powell Police Department is offering free alcohol test kits to parents. The breathalyzers are easy to administer. Results are instant and detect .02 and higher blood alcohol content levels. "Engaged parents who are actively involved in their child's life are the most effective at preventing under age drinking," Chief Tim Feathers said. "We want to encourage them to engage their children on these issues, set clear expectations and hold their children accountable. These test kits are an accountability tool for parents." The test kits are free to parents and can be picked up at the Powell Police Department, the Powell High School Guidance office or School Resource Officer Cody Bradley. Parents who use the kits and discover their child has been drinking are not required to contact law enforcement, although the Powell Police are ready to come along side parents as a resource. "Parents can set their expectations, and with these test kits hold their children accountable to those expectations," Feathers said. The test kits are available in time for spring activities such as prom and graduation where youth encounter the temptation to engage in under age drinking. The alcohol test kits are funded by the state Department of Revenue's Liquor Division. Powell obtained the kits as one of five pilot communities in Wyoming Communities in Action, a new initiative by the Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs focusing on prevention of underage alcohol abuse and the ensuing law enforcement and social problems.



BreathScan disposable breath test kit for parents available at the Powell Police Department