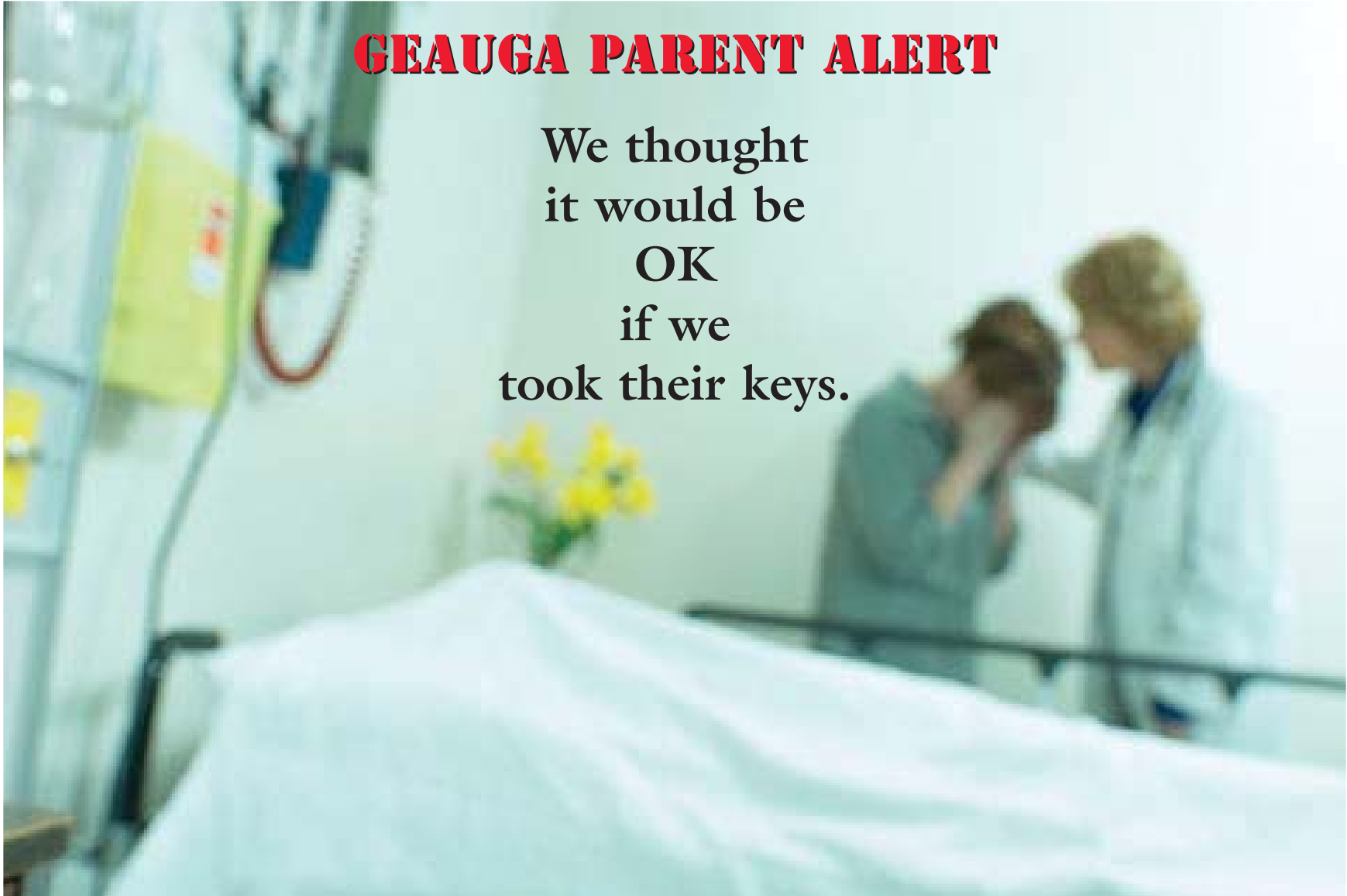


## **GEAUGA PARENT ALERT**

We thought  
it would be  
OK  
if we  
took their keys.



## Underage drinking is never “safe”

In Geauga County 15% of 9th graders report binge drinking  
20% of 10th graders  
30% of 11th graders  
37% of 12th graders (above national average)

Nationally, binge drinking (5 or more drinks in a row) is a leading cause of all alcohol-related injuries among teens.

The national ‘Parents Who Host Lose the Most’ campaign reports:

- Teens who attend 3 or more parties a month have twice the risk for substance abuse compared to teens who don’t attend.
- 80% of parents don’t believe alcohol is available at teen parties, yet 50% of teens say alcohol is available.
- Two out of three teens say it is easy to get alcohol from their home without their parents knowing it.

*“My deputy sheriffs will arrest for underage drinking. Let’s not meet that way.”*

Dan McClelland  
Gauga County Sheriff

**Tips for hosting a teen party:**

- Alcohol provided to minors on your property, under any circumstance, can result in both criminal and civil liability.
- Supervise your child’s parties.
- Lock up your alcohol.
- No crashers. Know your child’s friends and who is planning to attend.

**‘21’ is the legal drinking age –  
Teens can live with that.**



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