

Are you the parent of a middle or high school-aged youth?

You are invited to join the Safe Homes Network, a program of the Community Alliance for Teen Safety!

The Safe Homes Network is an effort to alleviate some of the anxiety parents face as their children meet new friends and become more independent, by establishing a voluntary parent/guardian network. Safe Homes is a nationally recognized program used in communities throughout the country to enhance the safety net for youth and parents, and reduce the toll of underage drinking and use of drugs.

Teenagers today face a difficult challenge in resisting the use of alcohol and other drugs. As a parent or guardian, you can help your teen and others remain alcohol and drug free. We are asking participants to sign a pledge to keep their home safe for teens and become a member of the Safe Homes Network in Chester, Derry, and Hampstead. Members may choose to be listed in a directory, which will be available only to other network members. The directory listing will include you and/or your spouse's name, the names of your children and their year of graduation, address, telephone number, and email. Parents/guardians may refer to this directory when making decisions with their teen about attending social events. **Directory listings will not be sold or shared with organizations other than Community Alliance for Teen Safety and the CATS Safe Homes Network.**

Please consider signing the pledge carefully. It is illegal to permit a gathering where youth under the age of 21 consume alcohol or use controlled drugs. Other parents are relying on your sincerity. Please clip, sign and return the pledge to Community Alliance for Teen Safety.

Community Alliance for Teen Safety – 41 Birch Street - Derry, NH 03038

It's the Law

RSA 644:18 Facilitating a Drug or Underage Alcohol House Party

A person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor if such a person owns or has control of the occupied structure, dwelling, or curtilage, where a drug or underage alcohol house party is held and such person knowingly commits an overt act in furtherance of the occurrence of the drug or underage alcohol house party knowing persons under the age of 21 possess or intend to consume alcoholic beverages or use controlled drugs at such drug or underage alcohol house party.

In this section, "drug or underage alcohol house party" means a gathering of 5 or more people under the age of 21 at any occupied structure, dwelling, or curtilage, who are unrelated to the person who owns such occupied structure, dwelling, or curtilage or has control thereof, where at least one person under the age of 21 unlawfully possesses or consumes an alcoholic beverage or controlled drug.

Note: If you are convicted of holding an underage alcohol party, you will be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined up to \$2000 and/or a year in jail.

Safe Homes Network Middle & High-School Pledge Card

The Safe Homes pledge is not a legally binding contract, but an agreement within families and amongst the network of member parents and guardians.

1. I will actively supervise all gatherings or parties of youth in my home or on my property.
2. I will not serve nor allow the possession or use of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs by youth in my home or on my property.
3. I will set expectations for my children by knowing where they are going, who they are with, what their plans are, and when they are to return home.
4. I will provide a secure place in my home for all forms of alcohol, prescription and over-the-counter drugs, firearms and other potentially hazardous items.
5. I will not permit any guest who arrives or appears to be intoxicated to drive, and will alert appropriate parents.
6. I will communicate with other parents and agree on expectations and rules for youth regarding movies, video games and computer use as well as a no drug or alcohol use policy.
7. I will welcome phone calls from other parents to join efforts in providing a safe, healthy, drug-free home and community.

Parent/Guardian Signature - *By signing this pledge I agree to be listed in the CATS SHN directory*

Parent Name _____

Please use reverse side if more space is needed.

Mailing Address _____

Child Name _____

Town & Zip _____

School _____ Grade _____

Primary Telephone _____

Child Name _____

Email _____

School _____ Grade _____