

*Over 800 families and counting...*



Many parents feel they are alone in their quest to keep their children alcohol and drug free through middle school and beyond. Safe Homes is a network of parents – committed to sending the unified and consistent message that underage drinking and drug use is unlawful and unacceptable.

*By signing below, parents will make an effort to uphold the following PLEDGE:*

**I will not allow underage drinking or illegal drug use at my home, on my property, or gatherings I am hosting at other locations.**

**I will provide responsible adult supervision for parties where underage youth are in my home or on my property.**

**I welcome and encourage contact from other parents whose children are gathering in my home. I will maintain confidentiality, if asked.**

The information I provide will be used in the Safe Homes Network Directory on-line and is password protected. It will be available to other Safe Homes parents in the school district. I understand this is not a legally binding document but a promise of good faith. Go to [www.chccoalition.org](http://www.chccoalition.org) to sign-up or mail this form to: Safe Homes, 154 Lake Ellen Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 or email questions to: [safehomes@chccoalition.org](mailto:safehomes@chccoalition.org)

Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child (1) First/Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child (2) First/Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child (3) First/Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Safe Homes is endorsed by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School District, the Chapel Hill & Carrboro Police Departments and  
The Coalition for Alcohol & Drug Free Teenagers.

*See our FAQ's on the back!*

# Safe Homes Parent Network

## Frequently Asked Questions

**1. The ideals of the pledge seem so obvious, and I know that most parents aren't hosting illegal parties – so why do we need a Safe Homes Network?** The network is meant to support parents in their efforts to reinforce the normalcy of family communication and abstinence from drugs and alcohol. The Safe Homes Parent Network is proof that our school, our district and our community as a whole are unified and active in the shared understanding that illegal substance use is not acceptable.

**2. Why do I need to list my contact information in a directory?** When contact information is readily available – this makes it easier for parents to call or email if they have a question about a party you might be hosting or an event your children might be participating in together. A directory also strengthens the community of the Safe Homes Network by providing a support system of parents who are committed to sending a clear and consistent message.

**3. If I sign the pledge, does that mean I can't drink at home?** When an adult is 21 years old or over it is a matter of personal choice as to whether or not you choose to drink. The pledge is meant to address the consumption of alcohol by minors. However, it is considered best practice to keep alcohol and medications in secured storage areas and to drink mindfully in the presence of children and teens.

**4. What if I think that youth should be able to drink in my home if properly supervised?** In choosing to serve minors, you will be breaking the law. According to North Carolina statute, you cannot legally give alcohol to any child, including your own, who is under the age of 21, even in your own residence, even with another parent's permission. Additionally, you can not knowingly allow an underage person to consume or possess alcohol in your residence, even if you did not provide the alcohol. This position also undermines the values and boundaries of other parents.

**5. I trust my kids – why do I need to sign?** Your signature, followed by a family discussion of the Safe Homes Pledge, reinforces to your children that you care – about what they are doing, who they're with, and the choices they make. You can't ever reinforce this enough. The knowledge that you care and are interested in their well-being is invaluable to a child at any age. Your participation helps remind our community that underage drinking and illegal drug use is not the norm in Chapel Hill & Carrboro and that most of us are actually committed to making and encouraging healthy and safe choices.

