

Are you the parent/guardian of a middle or high school student?

You are invited to join the Safe Homes Network!

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 networks. 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 toil 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 of Beverly. Members will be listed in a directory which will be available 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 any other organizations; it will ONLY be used for Safe Homes Network.

Please consider signing the pledge carefully. Other parents are relying on your sincerity. It is illegal to permit a gathering where youth under the age of 21 consume alcohol or use controlled drugs. Please clip, sign and return the pledge to Safe Homes Network Beverly C/O Beverly Public Schools 70 Balch Street, Beverly MA 01915

\*The legal drinking age in Massachusetts and every other state is 21. It is against the law to serve or provide alcohol to underage guests or to allow them to drink alcohol in your home or on other property you control. If you do, you may be prosecuted criminally. The penalty is a fine up to \$2,000, imprisonment for up to a year, or both. G.L. c.138, sec. 34.

Source: Essex District Attorney Jonathan W. Blodgett

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/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 computer use as well as 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 Name
Mailing Address
Town & Zip
Primary Telephone
Email

Parent/Guardian signature - By signing this pledge I agree to be listed in the Beverly Safe Home Directory

Please use reverse side if more space is needed

Child Name
School Grade
Child Name
School Grade