

Join hundreds of North Berkshire families!



Join Safe Homes

I pledge to provide a safe home. . .

- I will provide adult supervision for all children visiting my home.
- I will provide a secure storage place for all forms of alcohol, firearms, and other potentially hazardous items.
- I will not allow parties or gatherings in my home when I am not there.
- I will not allow the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs by teens in my home or on my property.



Name _____ Signature _____
(Parent or guardian, please print)

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Address _____ Town, Zip _____

Phone number _____ E-mail _____

Grade levels of your children _____

THIS IS A ONE-YEAR COMMITMENT AND MUST BE RENEWED ANNUALLY!

Return to: (Insert School Name Here) **OR**
Northern Berkshire Community Coalition, 61 Main St, Suite 218, North Adams, MA 01247

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What is Safe Homes?

Safe Homes of North Berkshire is a network of parents who pledge that they will be at home when their teens have parties and that they will not allow the illegal use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco at teen parties in their home or on their property. All North Berkshire parents & guardians with children in grades 6 through 12 are encouraged to join.

Why Safe Homes?

Many parents feel that “they are the only ones” who want a safe, drug and alcohol-free environment for their children and feel uncomfortable talking to other parents and to youth about their concerns. Research shows that parents who set clear rules, monitor their teens’ activities, and provide a safe environment greatly lower the risk that their children will be involved in using alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.

What more can I do?

Here are three simple things you can do to increase the effectiveness of Safe Homes:

- 1) **Spread the word.** When your teenager is invited to a party, give the host’s parents a friendly call. Explain that your family has a policy about drugs and alcohol at parties and ask if their family follows the same rules. If they don’t, tell your teenagers that they can’t attend.
- 2) **Spread the pledge.** Tell your friends and neighbors that you’ve taken the pledge. Explain it to them and ask if they’d like to take the pledge, too. Keep some copies around the house so you’ll always have the pledge on hand for them to sign.
- 3) **Spread the network.** Some adults have joined the Safe Homes Parents Committee. This Committee selects the format for the annual Safe Homes Resource Guide and brainstorms ways to get the message out to the community. To learn more about spreading the network, call or email Lois Daunis (lداunis@nbccoalition.org) at the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition: 413-663-7588. Or, when you return your Safe Homes pledge, check the box below:

I’d like to help spread the Safe Homes network. Please contact me.



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Please accept my tax-deductible donation of:

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