

## How Does It Work?

SAFE HOMES is a pledge-based, drug-prevention program for parents and guardians of youth in kindergarten through twelfth grades.

It provides parents and guardians an opportunity to talk with each other and to unite in a clear message to all youth that there will be NO USE of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs in the community.

**GOAL:** To develop a community-wide coalition of parents and other adults working together to implement the SAFE HOMES Parents Network in their homes, schools, and community.

### **Objectives:**

Parents and guardians will supervise all gatherings of youth in their homes or on their property.

Families will not allow the possession or use of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs by youth in their homes or on their property.

Parents and guardians will know where their children are; will oversee their activities, and will set appropriate expectations and consequences for their behavior.

**When you sign the pledge,** as a parent of a youth invited to an activity or party you can and should:

1. Call the host parent and introduce yourself
2. Verify with the parent the occasion and location
3. Check that there will be active, responsible, adult supervision at all times.
4. Verify that there will be NO alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs allowed, served, provided, or available **at all**.
5. If the activity seems inappropriate, express your concern to the parent and to your child; keep your child home and plan another activity, perhaps with the family.

**When you sign the pledge,** as a Host Parent you can and should:

1. Encourage “by invitation only
2. Never permit “party crashers”. Use a guest list.
3. Be a visible, active host. Tell guests who choose to leave the activity they may **NOT** return. Call the parents of youth who leave and inform them so they know you are no longer supervising their child.
4. **NEVER** allow anyone “under the influence” to leave (**MUST** be with an adult). Call the parents or police.

When you sign the pledge, your contact information will be included in a directory which will be distributed to all participating families.

# SAFE HOMES Parents Network

“Parents, guardian, and community working together for drug-free youth”

## PARENTS PLEDGE FORM

1. I will actively supervise all gatherings of youth in our home or on our property, or ask another responsible adult for help to do so.
2. I will not allow the possession or use of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs by youth in our home or on our property.
3. I will set expectations for my children by knowing where they are, whom they are with, what they are doing, and when they are to return home.

FIRST NAME (print) \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE(home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

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### Children's Name

### School

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

\*I wish to be included in the SAFE HOMES Parents Directory    yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

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**PLEASE SIGN**

**Date**

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This pledge is **not** a legally binding contract, but rather an understanding between the network of parents. This is a directory for families to use as part of their normal safety research as children and teens visit each other's homes. It is not meant to, nor does it replace any procedures used by parents to monitor their children's activities. The use of this directory is strictly voluntary and no representations are made regarding the information contained in the directory. The parents listed in this directory, The Wayne Alliance and Wayne Township and its employees incur no liability for damages of any nature that may arise from the use of this directory.