



Safe Home Pledge for Hinsdale, NH



A **Safe Home** is one in which a parent or guardian is visible and responsible for maintaining a set of community standards as described in the **Safe Home** pledge. The pledge is not a legal document, but rather a commitment to a set of shared principles among parents/guardians. Signing this pledge creates no more legal liability than already exists under New Hampshire Law.

SAFE HOMES SUGGESTIONS:

When your child is invited to an activity:

- Call the host parent and confirm that there will be adult supervision. Don't be afraid to stop in, say hello, or offer your assistance.
- Verify the activity, time, and location
- Confirm that there will be no alcohol or drugs permitted
- If you are uncomfortable, don't allow your child to attend
- Offer your child a safe ride home if they are ever in a situation that threatens their safety, assuring them that no questions will be asked until you can have a calm discussion about the situation.

When hosting a teen gathering:

- ✓ Discuss the Safe Homes Pledge with any other adults over 21 in your home.
- ✓ Welcome calls from other parents
- ✓ Be a visible chaperone
- ✓ Encourage "by invitation only" gatherings and do not permit party crashers. Agree on a time for the party to end.
- ✓ Let guests know that once they leave, they may not return.
- ✓ Notify the parents of anyone possessing or appearing to be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
- ✓ Do not allow anyone under the influence to go home alone or to drive. Call appropriate law enforcement, if necessary.

If you become aware of a Safe Homes Pledge violation:

- ⊗ If your child drinks/uses at someone else's house, call the parent, if you're comfortable doing so, as they may be unaware of what occurred.
- ⊗ If kids sneak alcohol/drugs into your home, break up the party and contact the appropriate people. If our children do break the rules, we'll be on much stronger ground with them if we've stated our position clearly ahead of time. We will also have this network of parents available to help and support us.

Together we can **MAKE** a Difference...





Safe Home Pledge



"Working together building a healthier community."

1. **I will** be home and actively supervising parties or gatherings in my home.
2. **I will** know who has been invited and who arrives.
3. **I will** welcome and encourage calls from other parents/guardians when my child is hosting a party or gathering, and give them information about the level of supervision I will provide.
4. **I will not** allow or serve alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs to minors in my home or on my property, nor allow access to any weapons.
5. **I recognize that:**
Further:
 - a. It is the law that youth under the age of 21 may not possess or consume alcohol. I could be held responsible, especially when an alcohol-related collision occurs.
 - b. In New Hampshire, youth under the age of 18 may not possess or use tobacco products: cigarettes, chew, or snuff.
 - c. It is illegal for people of any age to use illegal drugs.
6. **I will** contact the parents/guardians for a **Safe Home** confirmation when my child is attending a party or gathering.
7. **I welcome** communication from who observe my child involved with alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, and/or committing violent acts.
8. **I will** educate myself about alcohol and drug use among teenagers.

By checking the agreement to the **Safe Home** pledge, you will join other parents in Hinsdale who are actively trying to prevent underage drinking and teen drug abuse. If you would like more information, please call at 336-5984 x126 or email hpc.coordinator@gmail.com.

Please, complete the following form if you would like to enroll your family in the Safe Home pledge program.

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2010 Safe Home Pledge Enrollment Form for Hinsdale, NH



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(Note: This pledge applies to the 2010 calendar year. Each year we invite you to sign the pledge.)

Return completed form to the HPC Mailbox in the main office of the High School, or mail to:
Attn: HPC, Hinsdale Middle/High School, 49 School Street, Hinsdale, NH 03451

Please Print

Parent(s) name(s) _____

Parent(s) Signature(s) _____

Student(s) name(s) _____

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| Example: | Parent/Guardian | Student |
| | Jane & John Doe | James Doe |
| | Jessica Fine | Elise Jones |

May we print your name as a Safe Home in the Online Report at www.hpcnh.org? Yes No