



SAFE HOMES™

An Alcohol and Drug-Free Environment

SAFE HOMES is a movement that supports parents and guardians in their efforts to have safe, healthy, drug-free homes, and communities. Prevention works best when started early!

The SAFE HOMES network is for all caregivers of children from pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade. It encourages parents and guardians to talk to each other and unite in a clear "No Use" message. SAFE HOMES families ensure that there will be no underage use of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs in their homes or on their property.

SAFE HOMES families are committed to supporting their children and the youth of their community in making positive, healthy decisions and staying free from alcohol, tobacco and other drug use.

Last year, 82% of Newport County high school students reported NOT drinking alcohol in the previous 30 days. **Lets help the other 18 percent – and all underage youth – not consume alcohol.**

Go to SAFEHOMESRI.org to sign the SAFE HOMES Pledge, share this information with others in your community and volunteer to help local SAFE HOMES efforts. For more information or to get involved, contact:

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Parents and community working together to create a safe, healthy, drug-free environment for all youth



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FACT: Only 88% of Newport County students in the grades 9-12 felt that their parents disapproved of daily alcohol use by their underage children.*

Do your children know where you stand?

Do you have a SAFE HOME?

Kids experiment with alcohol, tobacco and other drugs because they are readily available and often considered socially acceptable. Half of all high school seniors will have already experimented with alcohol before graduation.

Schools provide alcohol and other drug education, but schools alone cannot prevent alcohol and other drug use.

Prevention must start in the home.

Parents are the primary educators for their children. When parents throughout the community join together and take a united stand against drug use, they become even more effective.

If all parents secure their alcohol, it would stop nearly 100% of early underage drinking!



*2018 RI Student Survey

GOALS OF SAFE HOMES™

- 🔒 To educate parents about adolescent use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, and to establish a clear "No Use" message.
- 🔒 To encourage parents to openly communicate with one another about parenting concerns.
- 🔒 To assist parents in establishing reasonable guidelines for their children's behavior.
- 🔒 To make parents aware of alternative activities for youth.
- 🔒 To provide a support network for both parents and children.

SAFE HOMES PARENTS AGREE TO:

- 🔒 Develop and communicate a clear position about alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use.
- 🔒 Not allow parties and gatherings in their homes when they are not present.
- 🔒 Know RI's Social Host Law. Support law enforcement role in addressing youth substance use and holding adults that provide access to alcohol and other drugs accountable.
- 🔒 Not allow the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs in their homes or on their property.
- 🔒 Communicate with other parents in their child's social circles.

Sign the SAFE HOMES pledge at:
SAFEHOMESRI.org

More info at:
NewportCountyPrevention.org



The SAFE HOMES lock symbolizes the protection that parents provide to their children. This protection is built around love, symbolized by the heart-shaped keyhole. SAFE HOMES protect youth by keeping alcohol, tobacco and other drugs out of the hands of kids and providing a loving environment for youth to make healthy choices.

WHAT IS THE SOCIAL HOST LAW?

The primary purpose of the Social Host Law (RI General Laws 3-8-11.1) is to deter underage drinking parties or gatherings where adults knowingly allow minors to drink alcohol, whether or not they provide it.

WHAT ARE THE PENALTIES?

First Offense: Any person over the age of 18 who violates the law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

Second and subsequent offenses: Any person who violates the law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, a term of imprisonment not to exceed one year, or both.

You may be required to make restitution or incur criminal charges if someone is hurt, suffers from alcohol poisoning, or is killed as a result of drinking alcohol on your property.