



What is a Safe Home?

The **Safe Homes** network is for all parents and guardians of children from pre-school through twelfth grade. It provides a way for parents to talk to each other and unite in a clear "No Use" message to children by publicly stating that there will be no use of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs, by minors, in their homes or on their property. The Safe Homes Pledge is not a legally binding document. It is a good faith agreement between parents to follow some simple principles which will allow their child/children to grow up in a generally safer world.

WHY should I join?

Joining the Safe Homes network lets children know you care where they are going, who they are with, what they will be doing and when they are going to be home. It helps parents and guardians establish a clear consistent "NO Use" message about alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

OUR Mission Statement

The North Fork Alliance strives to reduce substance abuse among local youth and build awareness among parents and other adults about the substance abuse problem in the North Fork area.

The North Fork Alliance collaborates with individuals from the community in the following ways:

1. Identifying and communicating information regarding substance use among youth growing up on the North Fork.
2. Establishing and strengthening partnership among parents/guardians, youth, private and public organizations, local government and law enforcement by addressing the factors in the community that increase the risk of substance abuse.
3. Educating, advocating and supporting locally-based community initiatives to reduce the risk of substance use.

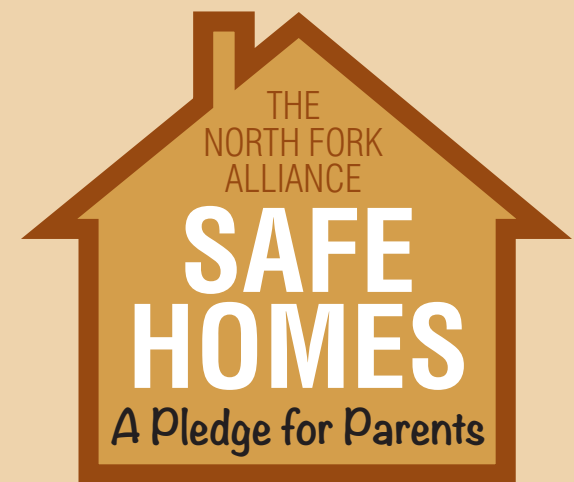
FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SAFE HOMES NETWORK IN YOUR COMMUNITY CONTACT:

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Greenport, NY 11944
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PARENTS AND COMMUNITY WORKING TOGETHER TO CREATE A SAFE, HEALTHY, DRUG-FREE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL YOUTH

Sign Up Today!

YES, our family has discussed underage drinking, tobacco, and drug use and we agree to the pledge as a member of the **SAFE HOMES** network. (please use one form per family)

Parent/Guardian(print): _____

Signature: _____

Students Names:

Print Name: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Print Name: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Print Name: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Print Name: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Please fill out the following contact information:

Mailing Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Please check here if you **WOULD LIKE** your phone number and email address to be included in the **SAFE HOMES** directory.

Please check here if you **DO NOT** wish to have your phone number and email address included in the **SAFE HOMES** directory but would like to be a **SAFE HOME** and receive a directory.

Please send your Safe Home Pledge to:

North Fork Alliance
421 First Street • Greenport, NY 11944

The Safe Homes Pledge

1. I will actively supervise all gatherings or parties of youth in my/our home or on my/our property, or ask another responsible adult to do so.
2. I will not allow possession or use of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs by youth in my/our home or on my/our property.
3. I will set expectations for my/our child/children 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 storage place for all forms of alcohol, tobacco and prescription drugs in my/our home. I will safely dispose of any unused prescription drugs.
5. I will talk with any parent/guardian of a child I personally observe using alcohol, tobacco or other drugs.
6. I will talk to my/our child/children regularly about alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.

Important FACTS

According to the 2010-2011 NYS Youth Development Survey, Suffolk County Region:

- Nearly 60% of high school seniors have used alcohol in the past 30 days.
- 1 in 4 high school seniors has used marijuana in the past 30 days.
- One-third of high school juniors and seniors reported drinking 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row, otherwise known as binge drinking, in a 2 week period.

Nationally, everyday more than 2,000 kids ages 12-17 try a painkiller for non-medical reasons for the first time.

Underage Drinking has Risks & Consequences As a Parent YOU CAN Make a Difference

SAFE HOMES PARENTS AGREE TO:

Develop and communicate a clear position about alcohol, tobacco and other drug use.

Not allow unauthorized parties and gatherings in their homes

Support law enforcement policy regarding the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs; encourage the use of appropriate discipline and treatment in dealing with offenders.

Not allow the underage use of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs in their homes or on their property.

Communicate with other parents in their child's social circles.