

SAFE TEENS, SAFE Homes

**HELPING US KEEP HOMES
SAFE FOR TEENAGE PARTIES
SAFE FROM ALCOHOL AND
OTHER DRUGS**



THE SAFE TEENS PROGRAM consists of a pledge that confirms ONE parent CAN do something to prevent teenage alcohol and drug use in a simple, positive, and loving way. Many parents together can make prevention a school and community standard.

SAFE Teen PARENTS agree to cooperate with schools, law enforcement and young people to create a healthy atmosphere in which the use of alcohol and other drugs is no longer the "norm." SAFE TEENS parents are taking a stand against the alarming increase in alcohol and drug use among Neosho youth.

BENEFITS OF TAKING THE SAFE TEENS PLEDGE –

1. Adults take a united stand against alcohol and other drugs, becoming more effective than when they act separately.
2. Parents benefit from the support of other parents by helping each other resist pressure from others who do not set limits on their children's behavior.
3. Parents are reassured when their kids attend parties at a SAFE HOMES location.
4. SAFE TEENS members names will be published in the Neosho Daily news, and a directory will be available for viewing on our website www.theallianceofswmo.org

AS A HOST PARENT –

- Be a visible host/hostess. Tell the guests who choose to leave the activity that they may not return.
- Encourage "by invitation only" gatherings. Use a guest list and refuse entrance to any party crashers.
- Call the parents of anyone possessing drugs or alcohol or appearing to be under the influence of either.
- Call the appropriate law enforcement, if necessary. Do not allow anyone under the influence to go home alone or drive.

PARENTS PLEDGE FOR SAFE TEENS: I pledge that I will not allow parties and gatherings when I am not home. I pledge that I will not serve alcohol, nor will I allow youth under the legal drinking age of 21 to consume alcohol at my home/property. I will not allow the use of illicit drugs at my home/property. I will discuss my expectations and this pledge with my child.

Please return this form to Melissa Schneider, Safe Teens Coordinator, at The Alliance of Southwest Missouri, 2914 East 32nd Street; Joplin, MO 64804

NAME (please print) _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP CODE _____

CITY _____ STUDENT(S) NAME(S) _____

SIGNATURE _____ STUDENT(S) GRADE(S) _____

Please check this box if you do not wish to be listed in the Neosho Daily News Directory.