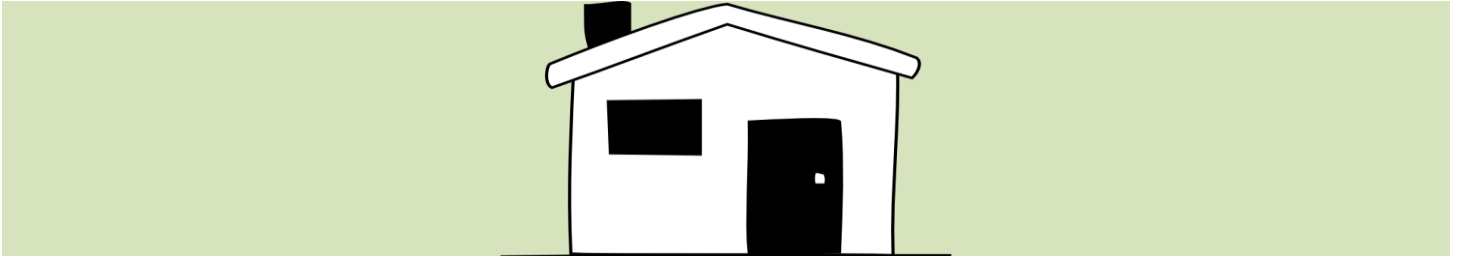


Safe Homes/Smart Parties

As parents of adolescents we all need to help our children make responsible decisions about alcohol and other drug use. Our youth surveys show us that a common place where children are getting intoxicated is in their homes or the homes of their peers. The **Safe Homes/Smart Parties** program is a prevention tool for Guilford parents to help their children avoid risky situations.



The **Safe Homes** programs have been utilized successfully across the country since 1983. **Safe Homes** offers parents an opportunity to join together to provide safe, drug and alcohol-free environments for their kids to socialize while presenting a *clear message* to the Town's youth.

By participating in **Guilford's Safe Homes/Smart Parties**, you will be joining other parents to take a strong stand on the issue of under-age drinking and other drug use. More importantly, you will be showing your concern for the health and safety of the children in our community. When adults stick together, it goes a long way toward protecting our kids. We encourage you to carefully read and sign the agreement below and return it to Guilford D.A.Y. **IT'S WORTH IT!**

A **CONFIDENTIAL** list of participating parents has been developed and can be accessed by parents with a code on the D.A.Y. website (itsworthitguilford.org). It will provide you with the opportunity to email a parent to ensure he/she is aware of the gathering planned in his/her home, that it will be supervised and that it will be drug and alcohol-free.

Guilford's Safe Homes/Smart Parties Pledge

As parents and guardians, we agree to:

- actively supervise youth parties or gatherings in our home and require all guests to stay on the premises;
- not knowingly allow parties or gatherings to take place at our home when no adult is present;
- not permit the use of alcohol or drugs by underage children in our home or on our property;
- welcome communication from another parent about any gatherings or parties; and
- ensure that if we keep guns in our home, they are locked and unloaded.

Parent(s) name(s): _____ Email: _____
(Please print above)

Name of student(s): _____
(Please print above)

Student(s) grades: _____

Parent(s) signature: _____ Date: _____

Three ways to register for the Safe Homes program:

- 1) Go to <http://www.itsworthitguilford.org/take-the-pledge.html>
- 2) Return your signed pledge to **Susie White, Prevention Coordinator, 36 Graves Avenue, Guilford, CT 06437.**
- 3) Email Susie at white.susan@ci.guilford.ct.us