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Thank you to the
Gloucester Township
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NJEA PRIDE and Public Education Program
for their support in this project.

Gloucester Twp. Curfew

It is illegal for any minor under the age of 18 to be on any public street, playground, public building, amusement or quasi public place or in any vehicle between the hours of:

**Sunday thru Thursday
10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
Friday and Saturday
11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.**

**Hosting a Safe Homes Party
Suggestions for Parents**

Plan in advance

- Establish a guest list with your son/daughter. Openly discuss concerns you have about anyone invited.
- Talk about what to say if confronted by uninvited guests. Your teen can say, "I'm sorry, but my parents are strict and are only allowing a limited number of guests."
- Set specific starting and ending times.
- Contact parents of anyone possessing drugs/alcohol or appearing to be under the influence.

When your teen is going to a party Safe Homes parents should:

- Know where your child is going, how they are getting there, and how they are getting home.
- Have a plan with your child if they want to leave the party earlier or they are uncomfortable with their ride home.
- Know when the party is over.
- Greet your teenager when they arrive home.

Call the Host

- Make sure the hosts are aware of the party plans and will be home all evening.
- Make sure there will be no drugs or alcohol.
- Thank the hosts for providing a safe place for teens to socialize.

Join Safe Homes by signing this pledge.



Timber Creek High
School
501 Jarvis Road

*Black Horse Pike
Regional School
District*



**Parents/guardians
working together
for a drug-free
youth.**



Safe Homes

Safe Homes is a national program developed in 1983 to encourage communication and positive peer pressure among parents to stop



We are asking Black Horse Pike Regional School District parents to take a stand and endorse the Safe Homes program by signing the attached pledge.

What is Safe Homes?

Safe Homes parents/guardians are concerned about the prevalence of alcohol and other drug use among teens and the social acceptance of this. We accept the responsibility for the health and welfare of our children and believe that it's time for all parents to become involved in the problem of underage drinking and other drug use.

Our inaction is often perceived by our kids as condoning their illegal activities. Our teens need to know that we are aware and care enough to ensure safe and healthy homes for them.

Safe Homes Benefits

- Parents feel comfortable calling each other to verify that teen parties and gatherings will be held under the supervision of a parent.
- When adults join together and take a united stand, they become more effective than when acting alone.
- Families that become members will be given a **Safe Homes Directory for Timber Creek High School.**
- This list can serve as a reference for contacting other parents who also support this concept.
- The directory will be mailed only to parents/guardians who have signed the pledge.

This pledge is NOT a legally binding contract, but rather an agreement between the network of parents

Did you know?

- Underage alcohol use kills more young people than **all illegal drugs combined.**
- **Alcohol and drugs are a leading cause** of teenage robberies, vandalism, and sexual assault.
- There have been numerous teenage alcohol and other drug overdoses requiring hospitalization in our area.
- Parties, sleepovers, and other impromptu activities are being held without supervision; and alcohol and other drugs are frequently being used.
- Parents/guardians are legally and civilly responsible for their minor children and their children's actions.
- There is an alarming rise in the abuse of prescription drugs by teenagers.
- Teenagers think that marijuana is not a drug. Treatment centers have significant numbers of patients whose primary drug is marijuana.

***A word about "trust." The word "trust" can cause a lot of confusion for parents when it comes to safeguarding their teens. Becoming a **Safe Homes** parent doesn't imply distrust of your child. Rather, it simply means that you*

Parent's Pledge Form

When I host or my child attends a party or gathering, I will to the best of my knowledge and ability:

1. Provide responsible adult supervision.
2. Not serve nor allow youth to consume alcohol in my home or on my property.
3. Not allow the use of marijuana, prescription or other illegal drugs in my home or on my property.
4. Call host parents before allowing my child to attend an activity.

Please Print

Parent /Guardian Name

Address

Development

Phone

Child's name/grade

Child's name/grade

Child's name/grade

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

- YES**, I agree to have my child's name, my name, address, and phone number published in the **Safe Homes Directory for Timber Creek High School.**

Please return pledge to:

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