

## THE ENFIELD POLICE/CONCERNED PARENT CONTRACT

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Without question, all of us need a break from the “rat race” and what a wonderful idea it is for a couple to take that short weekend trip away from home. But, what about leaving the teenagers at home alone? Certainly, few, if any, teenagers want to go on a weekender with Mom and Dad. And, it could be that one of the reasons for the weekend break is for a short breather from the kids. There is nothing wrong with leaving teenagers home alone ----for in a few seasons they will be “on their own.” It may be best to gradually increase the levels of responsibility for our children and the weekend “get away” may just be the measured time to instill and test their maturity.

Now, it sometimes happens when parents are away that things get out of control and the police respond to a large teenage drinking party. Certainly, this is nothing new in our society other than the fact that so-called “suitcases” have replaced “six-packs” and illegal drugs are a common thread with party-time. Such teenage parties are a major public safety concern and do take our immediate attention. The drug/booze environment seeds the teen DWI problem, date/rape and a host of other social ills.

From our experience, we do know that many of these mega-events are not planned and that on a number of occasions they commence from the innocence of our children. Most kids, or adults for that matter, don’t like staying home alone, so it is common to invite a friend over. Then, a friend invites another friend, who invites another friend, who invites a friend carrying booze and drugs. This results in a klaxon being sounded throughout the valley that it is party-time at a certain location --- your home!

We may not be able to prevent teenage drinking parties, but with your cooperation we can make a special effort to ensure that your teenager(s) do not use your home as a saloon while you are away. Please, fill out the contract, provide us with a copy and paste yours to the refrigerator door.

PS: You may want your child(ren) sign along with you.

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Name:

Address:

Dates Away:

Phone # at your get-away (if known):

Phone # of a local contact person:

Name of child in charge:

I (we) request that our residence be given special police patrol attention during our absence on the above listed dates.

Signed:

Date:

Optional: I (we) hereby give permission to the Enfield Police Department to enter my (our) property during the above dates for the purpose of enforcing the liquor laws of the State of New Hampshire as pertains to persons under 21 years of age.

Signed:

Date: