



## Safer Foundation: A Vision of a Road Back

More than 30 years ago two people envisioned a road back to success for individuals leaving prison who desperately need jobs to turn their lives around. Individuals with criminal records face a stigma that makes finding employment difficult yet they must support their families. And so the Safer Foundation was created.

The Safer Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that helps individuals with criminal records help themselves stay out of prison and find their fresh starts. The Foundation believes that individuals coming out of prison have paid their debt to society and are entitled to a second chance to be productive, self-sufficient members of the community. The best way to accomplish this is to find and keep a job. All Safer programs are aimed at that goal.

Sue Davison, QC Program Manager, states, "The Safer Foundation staff works exclusively with individuals who have a criminal record - so they understand the problems faced by individuals with a criminal history in both finding and keeping a job. These individuals have unique barriers and desperately need assistance and support to successfully transition back to their families and local communities. They find hope at Safer and the reassurance that with commitment and hard work they can reestablish themselves and contribute to their community in a positive manner."

Safer helps prepare clients for employment and the job search. They also work with companies that hire individuals with a criminal record. If a client is ready to work, Safer will send them on a job interview. If a client has problems that make it difficult for them to work, staff helps them solve those problems first.

The Safer Foundation tailors its services to the needs, personalities and motivations of its clients. The role of the Safer Foundation is to facilitate positive client decisions and behaviors--to help clients help

themselves. And if clients are between 16 and 21 years, Safer can help them continue their education so they can find a better job.

**Employment Services:** The Safer Foundation recruits employers to work with its clients and to provide them with employment opportunities. In return, Safer conducts a thorough client assessment ensuring a successful match that meets the needs of both the client and the employer. Employment services include:

- Intake assessment and job readiness training
- Job referral and placement
- Follow up to encourage client retention and self-sufficiency

**Youth Empowerment Program:** The Youth Empowerment Program provides services to young people, ages 16-21 that have a past criminal record and meet income eligibility requirements. Referrals come from a variety of sources including juvenile and adult probation, parole, community agencies, schools and the youth themselves. There are no program fees. Daily stipends as well as the cost of GED testing are provided by the program. Youth Empowerment Program services include:

- Intake and assessment
- GED preparation including pre-testing
- Transportation to and from class
- Employment readiness training
- Job referral and placement
- Life skill instruction
- Referral to community resources
- Follow-up services

For more about the Safer Foundation or to find out how they can help you or someone you know, please contact Sue Davison at 563.322.7002.

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**Have a Safe & Happy Halloween**

Make Halloween a fun, safe and happy time for your kids by following these simple Halloween Safety Tips.

Help your child make or pick out a costume that is safe. Make sure it is fire proof and has eye holes large enough for good peripheral vision.

Make sure that jack-o-lanterns are far enough out of the way so that kid's costumes won't accidentally be set on fire.

Treating your kids to a spooky Halloween dinner will make them less likely to eat the candy they collect before you have a chance to check it for them.

**Have a Spooktacular Halloween!**

**HOW TO REACH PROPERTY MANAGERS**

**Manor/Lincoln Homes**  
 Contact 786-4870  
 Maintenance 786-0080

**Sunset Heights**  
 Faith Bird 788-0539  
 Maintenance 788-3800

**Spencer Towers**  
 Teresa Chapman 788-0498  
 Maintenance 788-1809

OCTOBER 2009	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Sept. 27, 2009	28	29	30	Oct. 1, 2009 No school – Conferences	2 No school – Conferences	4
4	5	6	7 Fall Intercession – No school	8	9	10	
11	12 Columbus Day – Offices Closed	13 Fall Intercession – No school	14	15	16	17	
18	19	20 Sunset Tenant Mtg. 3:30pm	21 Manor-Lincoln Tenant Mtg. 4pm	22 Spencer Tenant Mtg. 2pm	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	