

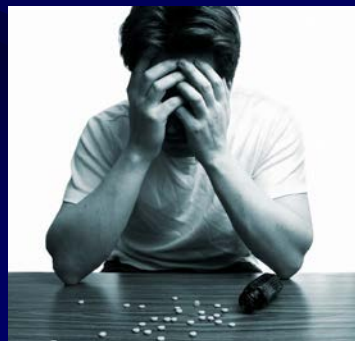


Not Worth It: Drug Use in Our Community

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Stats: Youth Drinking

- 7.2 million teens drank at least once in the past year.
- 2.7 million teens drank once a month or more in the past year.
- 1 million teens drank at least once a week or more in the past year.
- Heavy teen drinking can cause long-term or permanent brain damage.



- It has been estimated that 40% of teenagers who start drinking before 15 become alcoholics.
- It has been estimated that over 3 million teenagers are already alcoholics.

Don't Drink and Drive

- 1st Offense – License suspension (mandatory 6 months)
- 2nd Offense – Mandatory jail time
- 3 or more Offenses –
 - A minimum 1 year license suspension
 - Impoundment, immobilization, or ignition interlock device installed on all vehicles owned by the offender



- An estimated 513,000 people are injured in alcohol-related crashes each year.
- In 2004, 492 traffic deaths in Ohio were alcohol related... That's 38% of all fatalities.

It's Just Not Worth It To Drink

- The three leading causes of death for 15-24 year olds:
 - Automobile crashes
 - Homicides
 - Suicides
- Alcohol is a leading factor in all three.



Is this really worth your life?

Tobacco: The Truth

- Smoking kills more people than alcohol, AIDS, car accidents, illegal drugs, murders, and suicides.
- The average smoker loses 13 to 14 years of life due to their habit.
- High School Students Who Are Currently Smokers: 3.5 million (21.7%)
- Packs of Cigarettes Consumed by Kids Annually: 800 million
- People Who Die Each Year From Smoking: 400,000



It's drug addiction.

Marijuana

- Marijuana use can cause memory problems, learning difficulty, and distorted perception.
- Users' risk of a heart attack more than quadruples in the first hour after smoking.
- Marijuana smoke contains 50-70% more cancer-causing ingredients than tobacco smoke.
- Those who use marijuana are 104 times more likely to use cocaine.



Cocaine: Facts and Consequences

Americans consumed 259 metric tons of cocaine in 2000.

- Medical Consequences
 - Heart attacks
 - Respiratory failure
 - Strokes, seizures, headaches
 - Abdominal pain and nausea
- Psychological Consequences
 - Increased irritability and restlessness
 - Paranoia



Methamphetamine

- Effects:
 - Irritability, insomnia, confusion, tremors, convulsions, anxiety, paranoia, and aggressiveness
 - Extreme anorexia
 - Death



1998



2002

- The number of methamphetamine labs in OH grew by 400% between 1999 and 2003.
- 65% of all labs in OH are located in our corner of the state.

Date Rape Drugs

- Most Common: Rohypnol, GHB and Ketamine
- Cause the victim to lose control and/or consciousness
- Often leave victims unable to move, sometimes unable to even speak
- Victims often awake with little memory of what has happened to them



- To Protect Yourself:
 - Never leave a drink unattended.
 - Never accept an open-container drink.
 - Arrive at public places with a group and leave with the group.

Heroin

- Risks:
 - Fatal Overdose – even experienced users can't tell how pure their heroin is
 - Collapsed veins
 - Infectious Diseases (including HIV/AIDS)
 - Pneumonia
 - Death



- Nearly 2% of high school seniors in the U.S. have used the drug at least once in their lifetime.
- Roughly 3 million Americans over twelve use or have used the drug.

Inhalants

- Breathable chemical vapors that produce mind-altering effects
 - paint thinners, gasoline, glue, spray paint, hair spray...



- Chronic abuse can lead to...
 - Long-term brain damage
 - Liver or kidney damage
 - Hearing loss
 - Limb spasms
 - Bone marrow damage
- “Sudden Sniffing Death”
 - Sniffing these chemicals can cause heart failure and death within minutes when used by an otherwise healthy child.

The Abuse of Prescription Medications



19% of teens have used prescription drugs that a doctor did not prescribe for them. 62% of teens say these drugs are easy to obtain.

Most Commonly Abused:

- Pain medications such as OxyContin and Vicodin
- Medications used to treat anxiety and sleep disorders such as Valium and Xanax
- Medications used to treat ADD such as Dexedrine and Ritalin
- Abuse of all these medications can result in death.

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- Victim-Witness Advocates are available
- We can help make contacts and referrals to law enforcement, social service agencies, and Ohio Victims of Crime
- Additional resources are available on our website:

www.co.warren.oh.us/Prosecutor

- For more information about drug and alcohol abuse, contact The Coalition for a Drug-Free Warren County, (513) 336-0070, P.O. Box 898, Lebanon, OH 45036

