



Teenage Drinking and Drug Use

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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.
- It has been estimated that 40% of teenagers who start drinking before 15 become alcoholics.



Binge Drinking

- High school drinking parties.
- Drink to intoxication in a short period of time.
- Unaware of their actions.
- Act in ways they normally would not if they were sober.



Binge Drinking

- Two 15 year old girls go to a party.
- Hosted by 19-20 year old guys.
- Drinking hard liquor from the bottle.
- Become extremely intoxicated in a short period of time.
- Have sex with two to three men.
- Injured, do not remember who or how.....



Drugs

- Marijuana
- Cocaine/Crack Cocaine
- Methamphetamine
- Ecstasy
- Prescription Drugs
- Inhalants
- Heroin



Drug Use and Driving

- 16 year old Loveland teen.
- Got his driver's license one day prior.
- Drove left of center killing a pregnant woman and her 8 month old fetus.
- Marijuana was in his blood.



A passenger in his vehicle the night of the crash told prosecutors during the trial that he, who had just received his driver's license the day before, had smoked marijuana within an hour before he got behind the wheel.

Prevention



- Monitor your kids.
- Watch for behavior changes.
- Know who your kids hang out with.
- Talk to your kids early.
- If you wait until high school, you are probably too late.
- 12 is the average age kids begin using drugs.

Prevention

- Too much privacy is **not** a good thing.
- Take your children to church.
- Children who are involved in faith-based activities are 55% less likely to abuse drugs or alcohol!



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- 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

