

**MORE TEENS
DIE FROM
PRESCRIPTION
DRUGS THAN
HEROIN &
COCAINE
COMBINED.**

**KIDS WHO START
DRINKING
ALCOHOL BEFORE
AGE 15 ARE
5 TIMES
MORE LIKELY TO
DEVELOP
ALCOHOL ABUSE
OR DEPENDENCE
THAN PEOPLE
WHO FIRST USED
ALCOHOL AT AGE
21 OR OLDER.**

**MORE TEENS
ARE IN
TREATMENT
WITH A
PRIMARY
DIAGNOSIS OF
MARIJUANA
DEPENDENCE
THAN FOR ALL
OTHER ILLEGAL
DRUGS
COMBINED.**

**WHEN
PRESCRIPTION
DRUGS ARE USED
WITHOUT A
PRESCRIPTION
THEY CAN BE AS
DANGEROUS AS
ALCOHOL OR
ILLEGAL DRUGS.
YOU CAN DIE
FROM ABUSING
PRESCRIPTION
DRUGS . . . EVEN
THE FIRST TIME.**

**RISK FACTORS FOR BECOMING
ADDICTED TO ALCOHOL AND
DRUGS, LIKE OTHER CONDITIONS
AND DISEASES, VARY FROM
PERSON TO PERSON.**

**BUT, THE COMMON RISK
FACTORS INCLUDE:**

- 1. GENETICS / FAMILY HISTORY**
- 2. AGE WHEN YOU START USING
ALCOHOL OR DRUGS**
- 3. FAMILY / INCLUDING ABUSE,
NEGLECT AND TRAUMATIC
EXPERIENCES IN CHILDHOOD**
- 4. SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT /
INCLUDING ACCESS TO
ALCOHOL AND DRUGS**
- 5. TYPES OF DRUGS USED**

**THE ONLY
THING WE
KNOW FOR
SURE:**

**IF YOU DON'T
DRINK ALCOHOL
AND DON'T DO
DRUGS, YOU
DEFINITELY
WON'T BECOME
ADDICTED.**

**CAN YOU GET
ADDICTED
EVEN IF YOU
ONLY DO
DRUGS OR
DRINK
ALCOHOL
ONCE IN
AWHILE?**

YES!

**IF YOU THINK
"EVERYONE IS DOING IT"
CONSIDER THE FACTS...
MOST STUDENTS GO
ALL THE WAY THROUGH
HIGH SCHOOL WITHOUT
EVER DOING DRUGS OR
GETTING DRUNK.**

53.3% NEVER USED ANY ILLEGAL DRUG.

58% NEVER SMOKED MARIJUANA.

90.5% NEVER DID INHALANTS.

90.7% NEVER DID TRANQUILIZERS.

91.8% NEVER DID BARBITURATES.

93.5% NEVER DID ECSTASY.

94% NEVER DID COCAINE.

96.1% NEVER DID LSD.

97.6% NEVER DID METH.

98.8% NEVER DID HEROIN.

MOST KIDS ARE NOT USING DRUGS!

**ALCOHOL
AND DRUGS
ARE THE
LEADING
CAUSES OF
CRIME
AMONG
YOUTH.**

**EACH YEAR,
APPROXIMATELY
5,000
PEOPLE
UNDER THE
AGE OF 21
DIE
AS A RESULT
OF UNDERAGE
DRINKING.**