

Teenage Drug Abuse

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Nowadays, drug abuse is no longer a problem only among adults but also teenagers. It may scare you straight but it is highly possible that one of your friends is taking drugs and he or she may want you to take drugs too. Since when have drugs become so dangerous to our teens? Is there anything we can do about it? In this article, I will discuss the causes of teen drug abuse and the possible solutions to the problem.

First of all, peer pressure is undoubtedly one of the causes of teen drug abuse. As a teenager, it is a natural inclination to be popular among friends. Many teenagers make friends through mobile phone applications or on the streets. As the saying goes, be careful of what you wish for. There is a chance that one or two among these so-called friends are drug abusers and have the intention to invite you to take drugs. Because of the desire to be cool and the fear of losing friends, teens are vulnerable to drugs.

Secondly, the media plays a vital role in portraying the image of drugs. Notwithstanding that the government puts a lot of effort in educating people about the harmful effects of drugs, the media seems to be doing the opposite job. The media often produces documentaries about elites. Among these successful people, some were drug addicts. The media likes to highlight these problems and demonstrate how determination brings great possibilities of life. However, this actually sends a wrong message to teenagers and misleads them into thinking that it is easy to quit drugs. What's more, some movies depict drug abusers as cool people and they are always loyal to friends. This also misguides teenagers. Therefore, the media is one of the reasons why teens take drugs.

Although teen drug abuse is a serious problem, it does not mean our hands are tied. There are solutions to the problem as long as we are determined to fight drugs. The government should track the drug dealers down and cut the source of drugs. Believe it or not, even a small number of drug dealers can bring a disastrous impact to millions of teens. Hence, if the source of drugs is eliminated, the problem can be solved.

At home, parents play an important role in teaching and monitoring their children. People in Hong Kong are too busy and they spend little time with their children. Teens may go astray without proper parental guidance. Therefore, parents should maintain a good relationship with their children and get to know them and their friends in order to prevent drug abuse.

Last but not least, teenagers should always remind themselves about the harmful effects of drugs and differentiate between right and wrong. They should read a variety of books in order to have a proper sense of value. They should also understand that good friends will not ask them to take drugs. Hand in hand, we can teach teenagers to say no to drugs.

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