Let's talk about alcohol & drugs

What 12-17 year olds are really using

- 17% have tried inhalants
- 3% have tried hallucinogens
- 2.7% have tried ecstasy
- 1.7% have tried cocaine

40% have had a full serve of alcohol*

Short Term

Alcohol contributes to the 3 major causes of teen death: injury, homicide & suicide.

Young people are more likely to drink to excess and take risks than adults. ***

Long Term

Alcohol (and other drugs) can damage the developing brain.

This affects memory, learning & problem solving. And can cause mental health problems. ***

* 2010 National Drug Strategy Household Survey report
** 2013 Australian School Students Alcohol and Drug (ASSAD) Survey
*** 2009 Australian Guidelines to Reduce Health Risks from Drinking Alcohol

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