

THE HARMS OF DRUG ABUSE

Why it's important to say "no" to drugs

What is a Drug?

A substance that changes your body or your mind when taken e.g. medicine given by doctors (prescription drugs)

BUT!

Drugs can be <u>addictive</u> and <u>harmful</u>, especially when used <u>irresponsibly</u> or <u>when</u> they are not needed.

To protect people from harm, some drugs are made <u>illegal</u> (**illicit drugs**).





Examples of Illicit Drugs



METHAMPHETAMINE

Also known as 'ice', 'crystal', 'yaba'



CANNABIS

Also known as 'weed', 'pot', 'marijuana', 'ganja', 'grass'



NEW PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES (NPS)

Also known as 'bath salts', 'spice', 'K2,' 'bromo-dragonfly',



INHALANTS

Also known as 'glue sniffing'





Beware of chocolates/sweets infused with cannabis!

How do Drugs Affect You?

Drugs affect your learning



Mood Swings

Loss of Coordination

This means you are likely to

- Perform less well in school
- Make poor decisions
- Hurt yourselves or others around you

Drugs tear families apart



How Do Drugs Affect You?

Drugs will affect your ability to grow up healthily and may even lead to death.

HEAD

Permanent damage to the brain

HEART

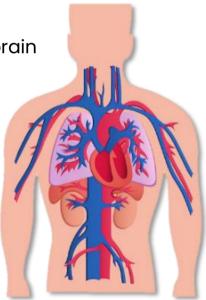
Increased risk of lung cancer

LIVER

Damaged to liver

KIDNEY

Decreased kidney function



EYES

Disturbed sight and judgement

LUNGS

Impaired lung function

STOMACH

Gastric pain

BLADDER

Bladder problems



Drugs come with Severe Punishment

If a person **takes drugs**;
If a person **sells drugs**;
If drugs are **found on a person**...

The person could be jailed for up to 30 years, and subjected to caning of up to 15 strokes.



Drugs are very harmful, so Singapore has to take strong action to control them and protect our people!

CONSUMPTION OF CONTROLLED DRUGS OUTSIDE SINGAPORE

All Singapore/Permanent Residents found to have consumed illegal substances, **EVEN OUTSIDE SINGAPORE**, will face a penalty of **IMPRISONMENT** up to 10 years, **FINE** not exceeding \$20,000 or both.

If I can't do it here, can I do it overseas?



WILL I GET CAUGHT IF I TRY?

To detect drug abusers, CNB is able to administer;







Hair Analysis

Hair analysis enables CNB to detect drugs in the body **even months after use**.

Hope for New Tomorrow

- Where is Lucas and why is he there?
- How did Lucas's friends and family react to his situation?
 - How should Lucas respond? How can we support our loved ones like Lucas?



Video Link



How to Say NO

Give a reason for staying away from drugs

"No thanks, it's bad for my health."

Change the topic

"No thanks. By the way, how's the school project you said you were working on?"



Counter-challenge by reminding them on the harmful effects of drugs

"You shouldn't be taking drugs, don't you know it's addictive and dangerous?"

How to Say NO

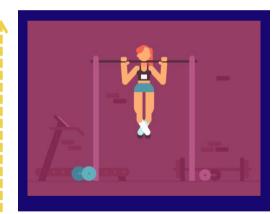
Avoid situations that expose you to drugs

Engage in healthy activities





Walk away from such situations



REMEMBER...

- Drugs are addictive
- Drugs have harmful effects on your mind and body
- Drugs can badly affect your life and your loved ones
- Say 'no' to drugs!





