

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)



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

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?

Mood

Swings

Drugs affect your learning

Memory Loss



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.



WILL I GET CAUGHT IF I TRY?

To detect drug abusers, CNB is able to administer;



Testing

Hair Analysis

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



CHOICE

- What fills your "feelings bar"?
- What are some of the consequences of taking drugs?
 - What are some positive outcomes when we choose to stay drug-free?



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

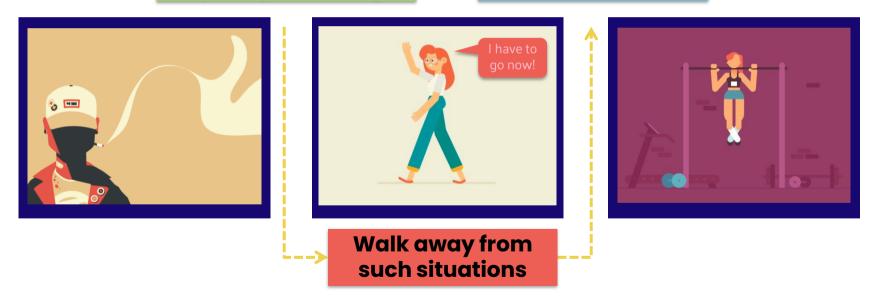
"No thanks. By the way, how's the school project you said you were working on?" Counter-challenge by reminding them on the harmful effects of drugs

"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



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!





