

DRUGS & ALCOHOL

SCENARIOS

Scenario 1.

- Mina and Mariam have decided that this weekend they will have some friends over for a party. Mina and Mariam's mum will be there and you know that she's a little bit cool. Mariam invites you and your friends. Your friends accept her invite.
- You were going to spend the night at a friends house anyway, so your parents would never know whether you attended. Do you accept?
- Yeah why not?
- Nah , I'll pass.



Scenario 2.

- So you arrive at the party and you're greeted by your friends. Mariam's mum offers you an alcoholic drink. You look around and all your friends are holding drinks. Do you accept?
- Yeah why not?
- Nah, I'll pass.



Scenario 3.

- Later on in the evening, the lights are dimmed and **EVERYONE** is dancing. A girl/boy from school that you particularly like, innocently asks you dance. Do you accept?

- Yeah why not?

- Nah , I'll pass.



Scenario 4.

- The song you were dancing to ends and the girl/boy suggests that you go outside for a walk. He/she takes a couple of drinks on the way out and offers you one and you accept. As you are talking he/she takes out a cigarette and offers you a puff. You want this person to think you're cool and you think to yourself what could possibly happen? Do you accept?
- Yeah why not?
- Nah , I'll pass.



Scenario 5.

- You start to cough the boy/girl looks at you and starts to laugh, he/she reaches into their pocket and pulls out a small white pill. “This should be easier on your lungs.” Do you accept?

- Yeah why not?

- Nah , I'll pass.



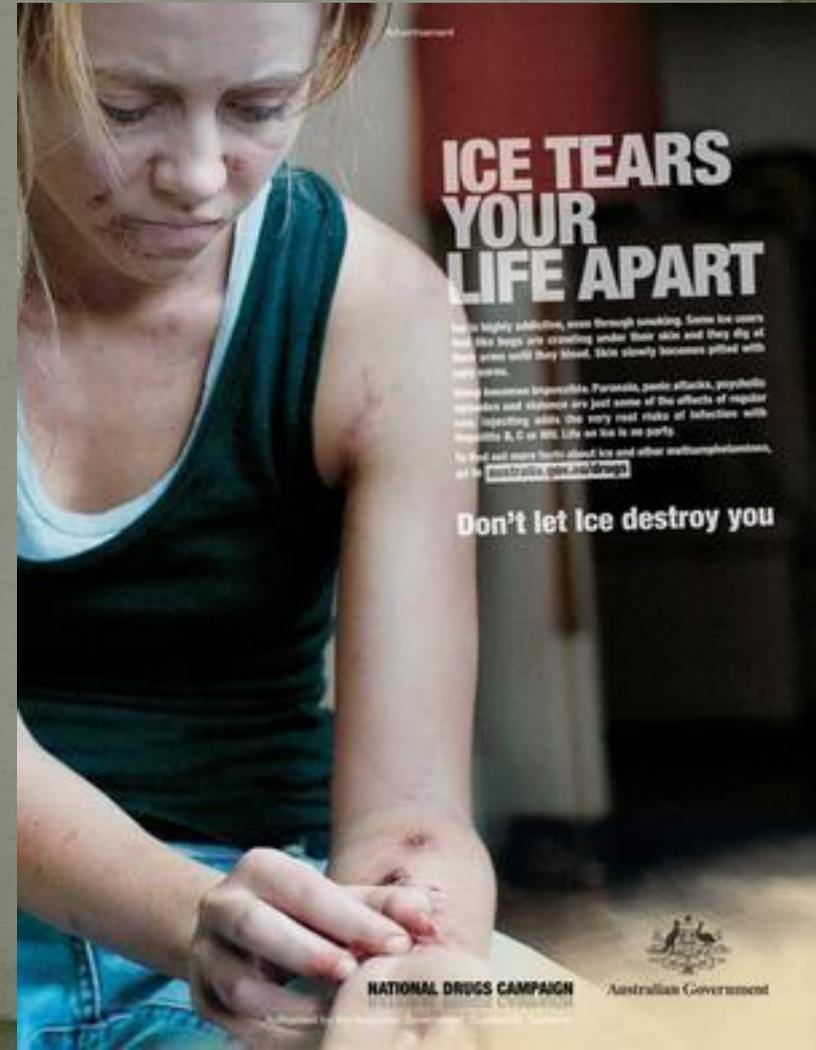
Well I certainly hope you ended up here just because you were curious to see what was going to happen next...

What happens next is simple...

ADDICTION!

The obsessive dependence on a drug.

And whilst some people live to suffer the life threatening consequences of drug addiction there are many who don't get that chance of making their wrong right.



Now go back and click the options you didn't choose the first time around.

Good decision...

- The Bible is full of examples of people who fled at the face of temptation, and did not give the devil a chance to tempt them;
 - Joseph: *“But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside.”* (Genesis 39:11).
- The Bible is also full of examples of holy people who put themselves in a position of temptation, and got burnt;
 - King David: *“And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold.”* (2 Samuel 11:2)

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Pheww... That was a close one...

- 70% of teenagers have used alcohol by the age of 14
- In 2004, 9% of Australians drank daily, 41% drank weekly and 34% drank less than weekly.
- Alcohol was responsible for nearly two out of ten drug related deaths (16 per cent) in 1996
- Some examples from the bible relating to the consequences of alcohol include;
 - Lot got drunk and slept with his daughters (Genesis 19:30-38)
 - Noah got drunk and naked in his tent (Genesis 9:20-24)
 - Others sold girls to get wine (Joel 3:3)

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Pheww... That was a close one... (cont)

- The Bible warns of the dangers of alcohol...
- Proverbs 23:31-35
 - Do not look on the wine when it is red, When it sparkles in the cup, When it swirls around smoothly; At the last it bites like a serpent, And stings like a viper. Your eyes will see strange things, And your heart will utter perverse things. Yes, you will be like one who lies down in the midst of the sea, Or like one who lies at the top of the mast, saying: "They have struck me, but I did not feel it. When shall I awake, that I may seek another drink?"

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Not just an innocent dance, is it?

- Paul, speaking to Christians, addresses the issue of worldly practices in Ephesians 4:17-24
 - This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.
- **1 Corinthians 6:12**
 - All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

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Another a close one...

- There is a big risk to smoking just once.
 - Very soon after that first cigarette, adolescents can experience a loss of autonomy over tobacco, and recent research indicates that this loss of autonomy may play a key role in nicotine addiction.
- In 2004, 17% of Australians aged 14 years and over were daily smokers.
- School aged teenagers smoke over 3.5 million cigarettes in a week
- Tobacco was responsible for about eight out of ten deaths (82 per cent) caused by drugs in 1996. Of these deaths, seven out of ten (72 per cent) were males

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That could've been dangerous...

- Illicit drugs
 - In 2004, 38% of Australians aged 14 years and over had used an illicit drug in their lifetime and 15% in the last 12 months.
 - Marijuana/cannabis was the most common illicit drug used (34% had used in their lifetime).
 - In 2004, greater psychological distress was associated with marijuana/cannabis users than non-users.
 - In 2005, 46% of injecting drug users had overdosed at some point in their lives.
 - In 2005, one in 10 prisoners was imprisoned for drug-related offences.
 - In 2003-04, 88% of juvenile detainees had used an illicit substance 6 months prior to arrest and 70% were intoxicated at the time of offence.
 - Drug related deaths account for almost one in five (20 per cent) deaths among all age groups. It was estimated that in 1998, 22 500 Australians would die as a direct or indirect result of harmful drug use and over 175 000 would be hospitalised with drug-related conditions

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Galatians 5:19-21

- Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in the past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Glory be to God. Amen.

