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# SPECIAL REPORT: Drugs, Drug Misuse, & Drug Abuse Are All Risky to Your Health!

## Directions:

1. Review the list of possible consequences of using drugs (below). Remember that using any drug can be risky. Even trying them one time is risky.
2. Select 2 of the consequences of drug misuse and abuse you are going to detail in your article.
3. Select 1 drug that you would like to know more about. Search the books provided for ideas of specific drugs.
4. You are a newspaper reporter. Your job is to tell the public about a breaking story about a specific drug, its side effects, what it does to the body, etc. and also how it can lead to two of the possible consequences below.
5. Include a possible pretend interview with another person, either an addict or a person affected by an addict of your drug. What has the drug done to their life?
6. News article should be at least 1 page in length written, 1 page typed (double spaced). You must turn in a final draft and a rough draft.
7. A good news story will answer: Who, What, Where, When, Why, & How. Your article should too!
8. Use the health textbooks and those selected in the Media Center as resources.

## Possible Consequences of Drug Misuse and Abuse:

**Overdose:** To overdose is to take in excess amount. A drug overdose can cause illness and death. A drug overdose can occur the first time a drug is taken.

**Difficulty With Relationships:** Drugs change the way people act and think. People who use drugs might behave in cruel ways to friends and family members.

**Violence and Crime:** Most homicides and physical abuse occur when people are under the influence of drugs. People who are under the influence of drugs are more likely to steal and damage property.

**Accidents:** Drugs affect judgment and coordination. People cannot think clearly when they are under the influence of drugs. Most fatal motor vehicle accidents involve a driver who is under the influence of drugs.

**HIV & STD's:** Teens who use drugs often do not make responsible decisions about their sexual behavior. They may engage in risky sexual behavior and become infected with HIV or other STD's.

**Drug Dependence:** People who use drugs even one time can become drug-dependant. People who are drug-dependant focus their energy on obtaining and using drugs.

- \* List the drug you are going to highlight in your news article: \_\_\_\_\_
- \* List the drug use consequences your will highlight in your article: \_\_\_\_\_
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