
Drug Use & Abuse in Teens

The use &/or abuse of illegal drugs &/or the misuse of prescription medications is something many teens participate in on occasion.

High school students who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual are almost twice as likely to use illicit drugs as those who identify as heterosexual.

The most commonly used illicit drug is marijuana. Marijuana use can negatively affect adolescents' brain development and functioning.

Prescription drug misuse, which can include opioids, is among the fastest growing drug problems in the United States.

Strong, positive connections; clear limits & consistent enforcement of discipline; and reduced access in the home to illegal substances can help teens stay drug free.

