



Alcohol: the whole truth



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Situation Cards - Teacher Answer Key

1. Situation

You ride to soccer with your friend and his parents. You smell alcohol when you get in the car. What should you do? Who can you talk to?

Tips:

- Don't ride in the car
- Ask someone else for a ride (your parents)
- Walk instead (if close by)
- Talk to your parents
- Talk to your friend
- Talk to an adult that you trust

2. Situation:

Your older cousin drinks on the weekends and you think it is becoming a problem and a habit. Where would you go to get help? Who could you talk to?

Tips:

- Your Parents
- Your cousin's parents
- An adult you trust
- Kids help phone
- Friends

3. Situation:

Your grandpa drinks beer and lately he has had several while you were visiting. Your parents say there's no reason to worry but you're concerned. Who could you talk to?

Tips:

- Councillor
- Teacher
- Trusted Adult
- Kids Help Phone

4. Situation:

Your family is at a picnic and the adults are drinking from a punch bowl with alcohol in it. You notice that some of the kids are sneaking and taking some to drink. One of them tells you to get some saying "don't worry, nobody will notice". What do you do?

Tips:

- Say no to the punch
- Let your parents know that kids are drinking the punch
- Tell a trusted adult



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5. Situation:

There's a school dance and you and your friend are excited about going. Your friend decides to take a can of beer with you because she has seen ads on TV showing people having a good time at parties while drinking beer and alcohol. What do you do?

Tips:

- Tell her to leave the beer at home
- Say you don't want to drink beer
- Give reasons (Tell her it will be hard to hide it)
- Use humour

6. Situation:

You are walking home from school with your friends when one of them pulls out a can of beer from their backpack. "Let's walk through the park and try this out" they say. What would you do?

Tips:

- Say no thanks
- Give reasons (Tell them you have to get home right away and don't have time to go through the park)
- Use humour
- Walk away

7. Situation:

Matthew was invited for dinner with a friend's parents. They had wine on the table, and the friend took some and then offered some to Matthew. He didn't know what to do...

Tips:

- Say it is illegal to service alcohol to anyone under the age of 19
- The only exception to this rule is that parents are allowed to offer small amounts to their own children
- Politely refuse
- Say you would prefer water or juice

8. Situation:

Salem and Keshia were invited to Usman's house one Saturday night. They knew Usman's parents were not home, but they didn't realize that he was having a party. "Have a beer" Usman said. "There's plenty for everyone." What should Salem and Keshia do?

Tips:

- Leave the party
- Say no thanks to having a beer
- Take some juice or water instead



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9. Situation:

Aisha had been babysitting for her parents' friends. When they arrived home, it was obvious that the parents had consumed too much alcohol. "Come on, Aisha," said Mr. Brinks. "I'll drive you home." She didn't want to be impolite, but she was concerned. She really didn't know what to do...

Tips:

- Politely refuse the ride
- Call her parents to pick her up
- Ask Mr. Brinks to walk her home (if close by)
- Take a taxi

10. Situation:

Jose's parents are having a party and he invites you over to hang out. There is a lot of alcohol around and Jose comes up to you and says "Look what I was able to get" pointing to a bottle of wine that he is hiding under his shirt. "Let's go to my room and try some". What do you do?

Tips:

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- Say no thanks
- Give reasons (i.e. your parents would get you in trouble)
- Walk away
- Change the subject

11. Situation:

A bunch of Femi's friends were getting together before the school dance to drink. Femi wanted to go because she didn't want to go to the dance alone. What could Femi do?

Tips:

- She could ask one of her friends to go straight to the dance with her
- Go to the dance by herself
- Ask her friends to give her a call right before they leave so she can meet them outside
- Get together with her friends but refuse to take a drink



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12. Situation:

When you go to the bathroom at recess, you find a group of your friends drinking alcohol. They ask you if you want to try some. What do you do?

Tips:

- Say no thanks
- Walk away
- Use another bathroom to avoid the situation
- Use humour to refuse

13. Situation:

Your parents smoke and you hate it. What, if anything, can you do? Should parents be allowed to expose their children to the dangers of second hand smoke?

Tips:

- Ask them to smoke outside
- Ask them not to smoke around you
- Introduce them to smoking cessation aids
- Tell them how you feel
- There are laws that prevent adults from smoking around children. For example, adults cannot smoke in a car if there is a child 16 or under present

14. Situation:

Knowing the dangers of drugs, why would someone begin using them? How would you resist using drugs?

Tips:

- Curious
- Friends are using
- To escape reality (if they're going through a rough time)
- Experimentation
- Say no thanks
- Give reasons
- Use humour
- Walk away



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15. Situation:

Nicotine is found in all tobacco products (like cigarettes) and is more addictive than many other drugs. Why do you think it is legal for adults to smoke when other addictive drugs are illegal?

Tips:

- Smoking was legal before the harmful effects were known. It would be very difficult to make it illegal now because of the many people who are addicted to it

16. Situation:

Jamal and Justin were watching TV when Jamal pulled out a marijuana joint and said “Hey, I’m really bored, let’s smoke a joint.” How could Justin refuse the joint?

Tips:

- Say no thanks
- Give reasons
- Use humour
- Change the subject
- Offer to do another activity