

Parenting - What's next

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Welcome to
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What happened ?

One night he went to bed as
our cute little boy.....

.....and came down the
following morning like
this.....





Why we are here.....

- To work together to reduce antisocial behaviour
- To look at the impact of the growing trend for “House Parties”
- To raise awareness of issues of under 18s nights
- To improve awareness of the drug scene in Harrogate linked with young people
- To highlight the problems of young people drinking alcohol in Harrogate
- To improve cooperation between us all to help tackle these problems
- To highlight some local partner agencies where you can get help and advice

Where are your kids ?



Did you know we bumped into them today ?



Is it round at yours or your round ?



Alcohol - confiscation from young people



- We can search people for alcohol
- Legislation allows us to confiscate alcohol from people in a public place
- We will seize alcohol and destroy it - open or sealed
- We will document an encounter with a young person

Alcohol - supplying to young people



- £80 fixed penalty fine for;
- Selling to under 18
- Supplying to under 18
- Yes, this could include you !
- Licensee can be fined up to £5000 with a possibility of loosing their license

House Parties..... the beginning

- Advertised on the internet with popular sites such as Bebo, My Space, Face Book and MSN
- Advertised at school
- Home produced tickets and sold at school
- Usually organised when parents are away

House parties.... out of control



- “ We saw the lads walking up the drive. We locked the doors, but they just started climbing through the windows”
- “I was too scared to ring the Police”
- “They weren’t invited. I didn’t even know who they were”
- “ This is a quiet street, we didn’t take any notice until our fence got smashed down and a load of drunken youths came into my garden. All our plants are ruined and our kitchen window got smashed. We were so frightened they were going to come in and attack us”



House Parties, some of the feedback

- “It's absolutely trashed, and I hope no-one else has to go through what me and my wife have these last few days”.
- “They urinated in the wardrobes, pulled my clothes out of the wardrobes and stubbed cigarettes out on them. The beds are burnt. There's food and messages all over the walls”.
- “At this point in time I might not be able to live in the house again - I might have to move because there are so many horrible memories now”.
- “It's worse than a burglary, I can't believe it”.



Cannabis - the basics



- Cannabis Bush
- Cannabis Resin
- Cannabis Oil



Cannabis bush - the basics

- Common street names include; skunk, weed, marijuana, ganja, gear, hash, grass, joint, spliff
- Distinctive pungent odour
- Usually smoked mixed with ordinary tobacco in roll up style cigarette
- Smoked with a roach or card tip to prevent burning the lips
- Resembles dried “mixed herbs” or dried leaf and flower
- Comes in small reseal clear plastic bag

Cannabis Bush



Cannabis - resin



Cannabis - oil



Cannabis - What do I look for ?

- Acute mood swings
- Dilated pupils after recent use
- Distinct pungent odour
- Extreme bad breath after recent resin use
- Morning cough after heavy use
- Rizzla packets with bits torn off
- Rolling tobacco, decorative tobacco tins and disposable lighters
- Small reseal plastic bags
- Cannabis Grinders
- Mobile telephone numbers on small scraps of paper



Cannabis - some of the dangers

- Deposits four times as much tar on the lungs, higher if mixed with tobacco
- Greater risk of lung disease
- Can induce periods of anxiety, paranoia, panic
- Loss of concentration and motivation
- Short term temporary memory loss
- Heavy use can trigger schizophrenic episodes
- Current trend and demand for stronger strains of Cannabis increasing the above.



Drugs - the law

- We have the power to stop and search
- Arrest if found in possession of drugs in the street or at home
- We have the power to enter and search your home
- This could mean court proceedings
- The result could be a criminal record
- Maximum sentence for possession only - Cannabis 2yrs, Cocaine and Heroin - 7 yrs

Alcohol - some of your questions

- How and where are young people getting hold of alcohol ?
- What happens if the police find my child with drink, or drunk ?
- Where can I go for help if I think my child has a drink problem ?
- Should I let them go to big parties and the under 18s discos ?
- Should I let my child have a house party ?
- Is there anything I can do to help ?
- What should I do if I find out where my child has got their drink from ?
- How vulnerable is my child whilst they are out ?





Drugs - some of your questions

- Will I get to know if my child has been searched by the Police ?
- What happens if my child is caught with drugs on them ?
- Will it impact on their future in terms of further education or careers?
- What do I do if I think my child is trying drugs ?
- Where are they getting drugs from and how much do they cost ?
- Can I talk to the Police in confidence ?
- Where can I turn to for help ?

Thank you for your attention



Any Questions