

# Drug Awareness Presentation

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- This presentation provided by PEP (Parents Empowering Parents). This non profit organization offers parent support groups and other family services. Their U-Turn program for youth is run by a professional psychologist and their meetings are facilitated by a professional, as well. They also run a program called Med-Ex in which convicted drug dealers participate.
- The newest drug of choice is fentanyl, which is 100 times stronger than morphine
- The size of 2 grains of salt can be fatal
- About 80% of fentanyl is coming up through the borders. It's costs about \$200,000 for 1 kg of the drug but it is yielding between \$18-20 million profit. The cost of 1 pill in the Edmonton area right now is about \$20.
- Check the PEP website for the listed signs of using. Some may include: change in appearance, change in friends, sleeping in, saying they're sick – don't want to go to school, loss of appetite
- Don't be afraid to do room searches, check their computers and phone access
- Some drugs are being hid in everyday capsules
- Most drug access and introductions are coming through siblings and friends
- Cutting is a form of a drug because it releases the same endorphins
- Go to the Canadian Institute of Substance abuse for more information
- Smoking Mary Jane (pot) under the age of 16 inhibits brain development
- Purses and backpacks checks should also be completed if you suspect your child may be introduced to drugs
- Be preventative and not reactive
- PEP believes that the legalization of Marijuana is coming in the near future
- Alcohol and Marijuana are 'gateway drugs' to more
- The National Drug Institute or the National Institute of Substance Abuse Websites may have great videos to use as teaching tools/talk points with your children
- The school brings in the DARE program for the children in grades 5-8
- Julie L will find out if parents have the right to know if drugs are found onsite at the school and if they can disclose what grades this impacted
- Children are selling their parent's old medications such as ADD meds, T3's, etc.
- Salvia – natural products found in bath salts gives you a quick and short high
- Talk to your kids about drugs, but also talk about pain management with them (how to deal with physical and emotional pain)
- Keep communication open – have date nights with your kids

- We need more treatment facilities as the stays are too short, wait lists are too long. The stays need to include teaching, educating, and re-programming – this is a mental health issue, not just a detox issue.
- Please see accompanying photos for visuals of various drugs and paraphernalia





# IDENTIFICATION KIT

## CANNABIS PRODUCTS

MARIJUANA		HASHISH		HASH OIL
Homegrown	Manicured	Black Hash	Blonde Hash	Hash Oil
Rolling Papers		Joint	Roach Clip	Hash Cigarettes

## COCAINE

Cocaine Hydrochloride	"Crack" or "Rock"
Coke Fold	Crack Pipe
Syringe	

## OPIATES

### HEROIN

White
Brown

### COUGH SYRUPS

Novahelix DH
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### PHARMACEUTICALS

Percodan	Percodan-demi
Percocet	Percocet-demi
Dilaudid	Talelin
Florinal	Demoran
Luminal	Loridine
Tylenol 60	Codeine