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Foreword

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E218 Ecstasy: The E Street Blues & Club Drugs: Dancing with Danger

Production year 2003, 2x19 min., English.

Ecstasy, or MDMA, is the fastest growing drug since crack. Many young people think it is “harmless fun” but the growing number of ecstasy users in emergency rooms prove that it can be deadly. This video takes you to the streets outside a “rave” to talk with current and former ecstasy users. Host, MC Que shows us how users lose their memory and overheat to over 105 degrees. Depression is common and studies show long-term brain damage. Recovering ecstasy users tell how “X” has led to suicide,

homelessness, attempted murder and prison. We hear from a psychiatrist how MDMA affects the brain, and the director of a successful treatment programme offers insights on where to go for help and support.

Some drugs are seen so often at music events that they are called “club drugs”. They include dangerous substitutes being passed off as “Ecstasy” and powerful sedatives like “Roofies” and GHB. Even LSD and methamphetamines are popping up again. Current and former users tell how club drugs have led to depression, mental problems, loss of family, homelessness, suicide, prison, and even death.

E219 Ecstasy: The Facts

Production year 2001, 22 min., English.

Although MDMA has existed for nearly a century, it has only recently taken its place in the notorious pantheon of abused street drugs. Commonly known as Ecstasy, E, Adam, or XTC, this synthetic drug has become increasingly popular among college students and young adults. The use of ecstasy among teens is beginning to be viewed as a national epidemic.

E220 Club Drugs: The Real Deal

Production year 2002, 28 min., English.

While teen drug use has levelled off in recent years, a new and dangerous menace poses an even greater threat to today’s young people: “club drugs”, so named because of their association with “raves”, “trances” and “technos” – parties held in clandestine locations with loud music, high-tech entertainment, and easy access to drugs. Club drugs are attractive to today’s youth because they are inexpensive and produce increased stamina and intoxicating highs. Many young people are introduced to club drugs in the rave scene by their peers, but they are also common in school restrooms, locker rooms and cafeterias, in big cities and rural areas.

E221 Club Drugs: Nothing to Rave About

Production year 2003, 24 min., English.

Club drugs are a new and dangerous menace to today’s teens. Since many club drugs are relatively new, their dangers are not widely known. The biggest misconception about these drugs is that they are safe and have no long-lasting effects. Although popularly perceived as harmless “fun drugs”, they are anything but safe. While users of club drugs may think they are taking them simply for energy to keep on dancing or partying, research shows these drugs can have long-lasting negative effects on the brain that can alter memory function and motor skills. When these drugs are combined with alcohol, they become even more dangerous and potentially life-threatening.

E222 Methamphetamines: The Hard Facts

Production year 2003, 20 min., English.

In this programme, students will learn what methamphetamines are, how they are illegally produced in underground “labs” and how addictive and deadly they are to those who experiment with them. Known by dozens of street names – such as speed, crank and crystal meth – these powerful central nervous system stimulants are highly addictive and can cause permanent damage to all systems of the body. Viewers will hear harrowing true stories from young people who have learned the hard facts about meth, and are now struggling to regain control of their lives. The programme provides viewers with many startling details, including the fact that possession of methamphetamine carries a mandatory prison sentence of at least five years.

E223 Ecstasy: Just How Dangerous Is It?

Production year 2003, 14 min., English.

This video introduces viewers to the very real dangers of ecstasy, an illegal substance whose popularity has exploded in recent years. Too many young people are misinformed about the dangers of this drug (also known as MDMA), which can produce euphoria along with dehydration, hyperthermia and death by overdose. As more young people begin to experiment with ecstasy, it becomes more urgent than ever that teens hear the truth about this dangerous substance. Drug traffickers shrewdly package the tablets with “kid-friendly” logos that make the drug appear more harmless.

E224 AIDS Update: The Latest Facts About HIV and AIDS

Production year 2004, 28 min., English.

This programme reviews the latest information on HIV, explains precautionary measures that help to lower the risks of HIV infection and also answers other frequently asked questions. The FDA recently approved a rapid HIV diagnostic test kit that provides extremely accurate results in minutes. AIDS Update explains the new test to teens and provides crucial details on what it means if the test comes back positive. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has estimated that one-fourth of the approx. 900,000 HIV-infected people in the U.S. are not aware that they are infected. Since the progression of the disease – and the risk of spreading it to others – is greatly dependent upon swift response and treatment, there is a great need for young people to get information about their HIV status as quickly as possible.

E225 Teenage Cocaine Abuse

Production year 2000, 22 min., English.

Coke as it is commonly called is one of the deadliest of addictive drugs. Viewers will see where cocaine comes from, and how it arrives in the country. The legal and social consequences of cocaine usage are covered in this video through animation and live action showing what organs are permanently damaged or destroyed by prolonged cocaine usage.

E226 Teenage Marijuana Abuse

Production year 2000, 18 min., English.

This video explains what chemicals are in marijuana, and what organs are at most risk. The short and long term negative effects marijuana has on the body are explained and how not being in complete control of your body can sometimes lead to disastrous consequences, both legally and socially.

E227 Teenage Heroin Abuse

Production year 2000, 18 min., English.

The first question should be: does anyone know any happy long-term heroin addicts? There is nothing glamorous or chic about getting hooked on heroin. The fact of the matter is that over 90 percent of heroin addicts never come back to a normal life. Viewers will learn the facts about this dangerous drug, and its effects on the human body.

E228 Prescription Drug Abuse

Production year 2002, 22 min., English.

People are dying daily from abusing prescription drugs. The belief that if it is sold over the counter, or in your medicine cabinet it cannot be deadly is entirely wrong. This video exposes the myths, and explains that all drugs are dangerous. Taking what you think is a chemical joyride may just end up at the emergency room.