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Topic: Drugs & Alcohol

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What should I already know?

- Risks and effects of legal drugs (cigarettes, e-cigarettes/vaping, alcohol, medicines)
- The impact on health
- Laws around use of legal drugs
- About why people choose to use or not use substances
- About the mixed messages in the media about substances
- How to seek help and support organisations
- Strategies for managing personal safety in the local environment
- Predict, assess and manage risk in different situations
- Online safety including sharing images, mobile phone safety

What will I know by the end of the unit?

- Identify and explain ways to reduce risks to my personal safety.
- To know the physical and psychological short-term risks associated with alcohol consumption.
- Identify the short- and long-term risks associated with smoking and vaping.
- Evaluate myths, misconceptions, social norms and cultural values relating to smoking and vaping.
- Develop strategies to manage peer pressure.
- To learn about substance use and the risks and effects of caffeine consumption.
- To understand and manage influences relating to tobacco and nicotine product use.
- To learn about the risks and consequences of alcohol use
- Explain the benefits of physical activity and exercise for physical and mental health and wellbeing
- Recognise and manage what influences choices about physical activity

Vocabulary	
Peer Pressure	Being influenced by people of the same or similar age
Illegal drug	Substances that a person can be charged for if they possess it or supply it to someone else. These are not subject to quality controls so it is hard to know what is in each batch of a drug, which can increase risk.
Possession	A person can be charged with possession if they have an illegal drug, even if it's not theirs.
Supply	A person can be charged with supply if they sell, share or give away illegal drugs.
Dependency	When a person relies upon a substance to feel or function as normal.
Cannabis	An illegal drug that can be smoked, eaten or vaped that makes people feel 'chilled out' or giggly. Can be different strengths. Against the law to possess, grow or sell.
Nicotine or tobacco	Nicotine is a drug found in tobacco and other products such as e-cigarettes/vapes. Nicotine and tobacco can make a person ill. Adults can get help from their doctor to stop smoking. It is illegal to sell tobacco to under 18s.

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