

Drug Abuse Among Teens and Spouses

90 DAY Detection Period vs. 2-3 days with urine for most drugs.

1. Unique, Patented Test in Growing Diagnostic Category
2. Completely Confidential and Accurate
3. Detects Marijuana, Cocaine, Crack Cocaine, Opiates, Methamphetamine and PCP
4. Clean & Easy Collection Process
5. In-Home Collection For Laboratory Analysis

Designed for Parents Concerned about Drug Abuse

The need for parents to be educated and know the impact and influence of drug abuse on their children has become a paramount issue for families. No one can measure the anguish facing parents who suspect that their children may be using drugs.

A few of the alarming facts about teen drug abuse

1. Drug use among 12- to 17-year-olds increased 78% from 1992 to 1995, 33% between 1994 and 1995 alone, according to the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, released in August 1996.
2. Marijuana use alone has jumped 141% since 1992, when drug abuse was at its lowest after a decade-long decline. Use of LSD and other hallucinogens rose 183% in that same period, while cocaine use rose 166% between 1994 and 1995.
3. According to the PRIDE survey, more than one in four high school seniors, 26.5%, used an illicit drug once a month or more during the past year ... THESE PEOPLE ARE UNEMPLOYABLE IN THE JOB MARKET TODAY.

With the arrival of PDT-90®, parents can have access to the only patented hair analysis for the detection of drugs--the same technology relied on by corporations nationwide. PDT-90® entails in-home collection of a hair specimen for laboratory analysis.

Requiring only a small snip of hair, PDT-90® can detect drug use over a 90 day period, while urinalysis detects drug use for only the previous 2-3 days for most drugs.

PDT-90® detects marijuana, cocaine (including crack cocaine), opiates (including heroin), methamphetamine and PCP (angel dust).

There are several uses for PDT-90®

1. To help influence and deter children from trying any illicit drugs.
2. To help parents that suspect their children may be using illicit drugs and need a reliable means to know.

3. To provide a peer acceptable excuse for children who find themselves pressured by friends to experiment with drugs.

HAVING NO FEAR

A study of 12th-graders shows that availability of marijuana is fairly constant, but usage increases as students' fear of harming themselves declines.

Parents Information

Psychomedics Corporation, with its patented technology for testing hair for drugs of abuse, has developed "**PDT-90**" for use by parents wishing to know for sure whether their teenage children are using drugs. This is the same test used by over 1600 major US corporations in their employment drug testing. The "**PDT-90**" drug test uses a few strands of hair and will detect marijuana, cocaine, opiates including heroin, methamphetamines and PCP use for the previous 90 days. If your child has used drugs during the previous three months, the "**PDT-90**" test will show positive results.

Parents can administer the test in the privacy of their own homes. Just collect a few strands of a child's hair, send the sample to the Psychomedics laboratory and receive notification of the results within two weeks. "**PDT-90**" includes all instructions plus a mailing envelope for the sample. No names are used so complete confidentiality is assured.

Merely having "**PDT-90**" in the house can serve as an effective deterrent to a child's drug use. Since it can detect drug use for the previous 90 days, it is the toughest and most effective test available. The threat of the test can allow a child to avoid the peer pressure to take drugs. "I can't do it. My parents have this tough drug test at home and I'll get caught if I do". For many teens it might give them an acceptable "out" with their peers which they might not have had.

"**PDT-90**" gives a parent an important tool in reaching the goal of a drug free home.

Taking Control

As a parent, you are the first line of defense against your child's drug use. "A Parents Guide to Prevention" published by the US Department of Education says:

"If your child is using drugs, it is important to avoid blaming yourself for the problem and to get whatever help is needed to stop your child's use. If you face the problem promptly, there's a good chance your child can be helped.

Discuss drug use with your children and establish family rules. It is extremely important to establish a clear "no drugs" mandate and to make sure it's communicated clearly to your children.

Impose whatever course of discipline your family has decided on for violating the rules and stick to it. Don't relent because your child promises never to do it again."

You have the tools available to give you a "fighting chance" against your child's potential drug use. But you must remember, your child is subject to enormous peer

pressures and your stand must be tough and unequivocal. Drug use in any form, including marijuana, should NEVER be tolerated.

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