

DRUG USE PREVENTION TERMINOLOGY

DO NOT USE THE WORDS:

“DRUNK DRIVING”

“LIQUOR” ~ to mean any alcoholic beverage

“SUBSTANCE ABUSE”

“SUBSTANCE USE”

“ABUSE” ~ when the sentence refers to youth, teens or children ~ anyone under 21.

“HARD” or *“SOFT”* drugs

“RECREATIONAL USE” of drugs

“RESPONSIBLE USE”

“ACCIDENTS” ~ when referring to traffic crashes caused by alcohol/drug impaired drivers.

“DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION” or *“ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION”* ~ except when referring to adults.

“ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES”

“GOOD DRUGS” or *“BAD DRUGS”*

“MOOD ALTERING”

USE THE WORDS:

“ALCOHOL-IMPAIRED DRIVING” ~ A person does not have to be drunk to be impaired.

“BEER, WINE, AND/OR DISTILLED SPIRITS”

“ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG USE”

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“DRUG USE” not *“ABUSE”* ~ The term “abuse” wrongly implies that a small amount of use is acceptable.

“DRUGS” ~ Because all illicit drugs are harmful, there are no “soft” drugs.

“USE” ~ The use of drugs is never an acceptable form of recreation.

“USE” ~ There are risks associated with any and all drug use.

“CRASHES”

“TO PREVENT ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG USE”

“DRUG-FREE ACTIVITIES” ~ “Alternative activities” presumes that the use of alcohol and other drugs is normal, acceptable behavior.

“MEDICINES” or *“DRUGS”* ~ “Medicines” are legal prescription or over-the-counter preparations designed to heal or relieve discomfort. “Drugs” are illegal substances marketed to alter perception and consciousness. There are no “good” illegal drugs!

“MIND ALTERING” ~ Drug use results in biological changes in the brain.