

Freedom to Succeed

***Awareness and Understanding of the Laws
2021-2022 School Year***

Program includes age-appropriate versions for 6th grade, 7th-8th grade, and 9th-12th grade.

6th Grade Outline for a One-Hour Program

Portions of the program will be omitted if less than one hour.

Introduction: Dreams and Goals

Laws are created to protect you and can help you reach your dreams and goals.

Word Game: Demonstrates that, depending on how it's used, sex can have positive or negative consequences.

Teen Pregnancy and Child Support

Challenges of teen pregnancy are discussed.

What is the only 100% guaranteed way you won't face a teen pregnancy? Waiting.

As suggested by the CDC and directed by the Texas Education Code, sex is best shared in a long term, mutually monogamous relationship, or marriage.

How does the law define sex?

Students are given the legal definition of sex which includes any "touching of sexual areas".

Laws are made to protect you. You can protect yourself by being aware of the law.

Criminal Law

Sexual crimes (as defined in your state) are explained including public lewdness, sexual harassment, indecent exposure, indecency with a child, and sexual assault.

Students hear a story demonstrating how serious the legal consequences of sexual crimes can be.

Demonstration shows how difficult it can be to guess someone's age. Individuals or parents can report sex with an underage person as Sexual Assault or even Aggravated Sexual Assault (legal age of consent by state). Sexual crimes can result in sex offender registration. Even those under the age of 18 could be required to register as a sex offender.

Beware of Sexual Abusers

Sexual abuse is never the victim's fault.

Who may be a sexual abuser? How to recognize sexual abuse.

If you are, or have been, involved in sexual abuse, (1) Stop; (2) Get away; (3) Tell an adult.

Sexting/Pornography

Laws regarding pornography and sexting are discussed.

Students learn the short- and long- term risks of sexting.

Juvenile sexting laws and revenge porn laws are discussed.

Once you hit send there are no "take backs".

Concentration Game

It can be difficult to remember so many details of the law, but the law expects you to remember 100% of them.

Waiting for sexual activity means you don't have to remember all of the legal details.

Conclusion/Survey

Our surveys as well as the CDC show that most teens are not having sex.

A voluntary, anonymous survey is offered to students. Compiled results and comments are sent to the school.