



MANITOBA ADDICTIONS AWARENESS WEEK

MADD Canada

Impaired Driving Activities

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Grades 9 - 12

EXPLORE THE ISSUES

Graduated Licensing Have students who have just received or who are about to receive their drivers licences research the issue of graduated licensing. Have them create surveys and gather opinions from driving and non-driving youth, parents, teachers and community leaders. Explore graduated licensing in other provinces and countries. How have they addressed some of the concerns surrounding this issue? Debate the issue.

IMPAIRMENT GOGGLES BASKETBALL



Impairment Goggles allow students to discover what their reflexes might be like under the influence of alcohol by distorting their vision to simulate impairment. (Goggles are available for loan from the Addictions Foundation Library or MADD Winnipeg) Try a little game of one on one basketball with the "impaired" student wearing the goggles taking on an "unimpaired" student.

Have the rest of the class observe and analyse the differences in performance between the two groups of students. Have students compare their ability to do simple tasks versus complex tasks while wearing the goggles.

Another suggestion might be to have students navigate a very simple obstacle course while wearing the goggles and then again without them.

ACT IT OUT

Have students role-play exploring several possible scenarios. Some suggestions:



A student goes to a party with some friends who are drinking. The student decides to get a ride home with a friend who is impaired. The car crashes and the student is killed. Have students step into the roles of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> The student | <input type="checkbox"/> The friend who was driving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The passengers in the other car | <input type="checkbox"/> The student's parents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teachers | <input type="checkbox"/> Friends and classmates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family members of the driver | <input type="checkbox"/> The police who were on the scene |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The ambulance attendants | <input type="checkbox"/> The host of the party |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The school principal | <input type="checkbox"/> Other community members |

TIE ONE ON FOR SAFETY

Help give a new meaning to "tie one on"! Contact a MADD Chapter near you to find out how you can run a Red Ribbon Campaign in your school, workplace or community. Each year, MADD Canada encourages Canadians to tie a red ribbon to a visible place on their vehicles as a reminder not to drink and drive and in tribute to those who have been killed and injured by impaired driving. Funds raised in the Red Ribbon coin boxes help to support the activities of local chapters. There are two MADD Canada chapters in Manitoba – one in Winnipeg and one in Brandon. Contact the one nearest you for more information.

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