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Time to act on drug use

Statistics from a survey on drug use suggest many young adults are ignoring the health risks involved with taking drugs to seek the 'high'.

According to an Australian Health and Welfare report, almost one in eight Australians aged 20-29 years recently used ecstasy, and approximately one in 10 have used methamphetamines in the last year. Although young people aged 12-15 years were found to be less likely to use illicit substances, any use by children is a concern.

EnhanceTV has an extensive range of resources to help educate students about risks involved with drug-taking behaviour. Take a look at our free feature articles; [Alcohol: A killer in our midst](#), which presents a detailed report on "alcoholism", [Illicit Drug Use in Australia](#), which looks at the role of legal and illegal drugs in our culture, and [Drugs in Sport: The tip of the iceberg](#), that discusses the prevalence of drug use in elite sport. Also, download the [Candy study guide](#) that accompanies the film about the destructiveness of heroin addiction.

For television content on this issue, the [Hooked: Illegal Drug complete series](#) explores the world of illegal drugs and reveals social and legislative changes that have transformed the drug culture. [A Day in the Life of a Cigarette](#) highlights the hypocrisy and absurdity of our planet's fixation with the cigarette, and [Insight: Under the Influence](#) talks about Australia's binge-drinking culture. [Cutting Edge: The Meth Epidemic](#) investigates the impact of the meth rampage in America and [World's Most Dangerous Drug](#) exposes the lives of meth addicts and asks what makes this drug so destructive? While, [Four Corners: The Ice Age](#) tracks groups of ice users to get to the heart of this new epidemic, [Insight: On Ice](#) discusses the best approach to dealing with this drug. This episode of [The 7.30 Report](#) includes the story, 'Experts applaud Federal Govt methamphetamine initiative', which looks at the effects of ice addiction and how effective Australia's drug policies are. For a detailed investigation into legal and illegal drugs, check out episodes from the Quantum: What's Your Poison series: [Nicotine](#), [Caffeine](#), [Marijuana](#), [Alcohol](#), and [Ecstasy](#). This episode of [The 7.30 Report](#) contains the report, 'The Story of Annabelle Catt', that

examines the death of the 20 year old from taking what she thought was ecstasy.

For a complete list of resources on this issue, visit the new [Themes](#) option in our [Online Store](#) and select [Drugs](#).

