



# WHY DO TEENS USE DRUGS?

Teens explore and learn more about themselves as they approach adulthood. Often, this involves experimenting and testing their boundaries. The desire to do something new or risky is a normal part of teen development. However, the desire to try something new may lead to interest in drug experimentation. Knowing why your teen might experiment with drugs and alcohol is a key prevention tool for your family.



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