

Be bright, don't fight ...

Are you in control of your behaviour? Or is your behaviour OUT OF CONTROL?

In control ...

Some young people behave violently but they are IN CONTROL of their behaviour. They CHOOSE to be aggressive and violent because:

- They are angry with someone
- They want to keep their "hard image"
- They want revenge for something
- They have been set up by "friends"

If you are angry and CHOOSE to be violent, you need to think how serious the consequences may be for you.

Out of control ...

If you have difficulty controlling your temper and you lash out violently, you need to accept you have a problem.

You need to seek help and advice on controlling and managing your temper.

There are lots of people willing to help. Talk to your friends, parents, teachers, youth workers or relatives. Talk to whoever you feel comfortable with and seek their advice.

Remember!

Drinking alcohol affects decision-making and increases considerably the risk of committing an offence or becoming a victim of crime. You may feel invincible but in fact you are vulnerable.

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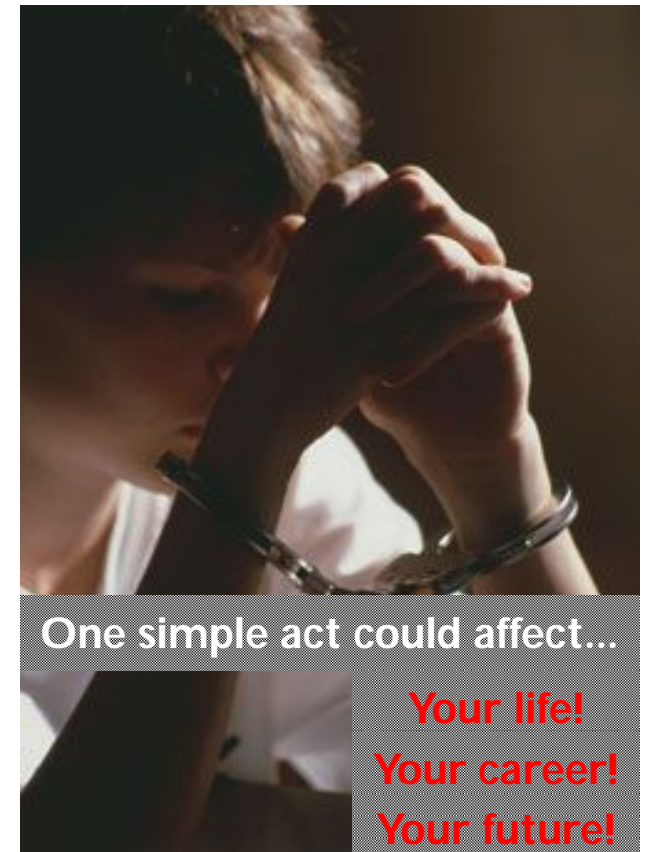
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DON'T THROW YOUR FUTURE AWAY!



If you get a criminal conviction it will have a lasting effect on your future!

Young people can be easily exposed to the risk of obtaining a criminal record linked to criminal damage, theft, anti-social or aggressive behaviour, and violence.

The consumption of alcohol and involvement in substance misuse raises the risk considerably. So we have put this leaflet together to make you aware of the risks.

A criminal conviction for some violent or sexual offences will mean you will have a legal status that will last for life.

Some countries such as the USA will not allow you an entry visa if you have any type of criminal convictions, so family holidays might not be possible.

Criminal activity by members of the household can put your housing situation at risk.

If you receive an injunction this can exclude you from specific places and areas.

If you want a job working with children you will be CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) checked. Certain convictions may mean that you are unable to be a nurse, teacher, nursery teacher, sports coach or youth worker.

Criminal Damage

Criminal Damage includes graffiti, damage to parked vehicles, damage to street signs, benches and breaking windows as well as setting fires.

You may think that this kind of offending has nothing to do with you, so keep it that way and don't get involved. A criminal conviction for criminal damage will affect your future.

Anti Social Behaviour

Anti social behaviour includes all sorts of behaviour that causes alarm or distress to others. Young people often get blamed for displaying anti-social behaviour such as: Gathering in large noisy groups, drinking alcohol, littering, abusive language and intimidation or threats to people.

Young people can meet, get involved in activities and have a good time without getting involved in anti social behaviour. Just remember how others interpret your behaviour and that they may contact the police. This could lead to a criminal conviction for anti-social behaviour.

Theft

Theft is often a very personal crime and young people can easily become involved with so many 'must-have' items such as mobile phones and ipods in use. A conviction for a dishonesty offence like theft or shoplifting says a lot about a person and affects future education and employment. Don't be tempted even if you see it as a dare!

Anger and Violence

If you are found guilty in a Court of a violent or sexual offence on another person under 18, then you will have committed a *Schedule One Offence* for example:

- A fight in a playground or on the way home from school could result in a conviction for assault
Having sex with someone under 16 years (even with consent) could result in a conviction

If you have been convicted of a violent or sexual offence with *Schedule One Status* then your choices and employment options are likely to be restricted.

This status lasts for LIFE!