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PEER PRESSURE SKITS

Making good decisions is hard enough without peer pressure entering the picture. Even though you might know a certain action is risky, it can be tough to say no when friends or acquaintances are urging you to do it. How would you handle the following situations? In small groups, choose one scenario below; have each person in your group choose a role. Together, prepare a skit in which some of the characters pressure the others to drink and include how these characters respond to the pressure. Use your own name for your character. Perform your skits for the class.

1

The scene: Teen 2's basement, Friday night

The characters:

Teen 1: Popular student who likes to get drunk on the weekends.

Teen 2: Not as popular as Teen 1, but the two are still friends. Doesn't really like drinking, but usually goes along with what Teen 1 wants to do.

Teen 3: A friend of Teen 2's, but has never hung out with Teen 1 before. Never drinks and doesn't want to try it.

The situation: The three teens are hanging out, watching movies, when Teen 1 tells Teen 2 to sneak some of his/her parents' liquor from the liquor cabinet. Teen 2 thinks it's too risky, but Teen 1 insists. Teen 2 wavers; Teen 3 is definitely against it but is intimidated by Teen 1.

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The scene: A big party

The characters:

Teen 1: The one who is throwing the party.

Teen 2: Teen 1's older brother or sister, home on break from college.

Teen 3: A high school classmate.

The situation: Teen 1 and Teen 3 are talking when Teen 2 approaches with a big funnel. Teen 2 tells them he/she got it in college and describes a "really fun" drinking game where the object is to chug as much beer as possible through the funnel. Teen 1 says he/she will try it. Teen 3 doesn't like the idea, but Teen 1 and Teen 2 start egging him/her on.

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The scene: A big party

The characters:

Teen 1: A student who has had way too much to drink.

Teen 2: The one who is throwing the party.

Teen 3: A mutual friend.

The situation: Teen 1, who has been taking shots all night, is stumbling and slurring his/her words. Teen 1 collapses on the couch, looking out of it; breathing becomes irregular and doesn't respond when Teen 3 tries to wake him/her up. Teen 3 gets worried and pulls out a cell phone to call 911, but Teen 2 grabs the phone away and tells Teen 3 not to call an ambulance. Teen 2 insists that Teen 1 will be fine and that calling will get them all into trouble.

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The scene: In the limo, heading to prom

The characters:

Teen 1: An acquaintance of the other teens.

Teen 2: Has been dating Teen 3 for several months.

Teen 3: Has been dating Teen 2 for several months.

The situation: On the way to the prom, Teen 1 pulls out a flask of liquor and passes it around. He/she tells everyone to drink up. Teen 2 gets the flask and starts to drink, but Teen 3 tries to stop him/her. Teen 1 tells them both to lighten up. Teen 2 agrees and says it's not a big deal—everyone gets drunk on prom night. Teen 3 isn't comfortable with the drinking but doesn't want to start a big fight.

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Come up with your own situation dealing with peer pressure and binge drinking.

The scene: _____

The characters:

The situation:

