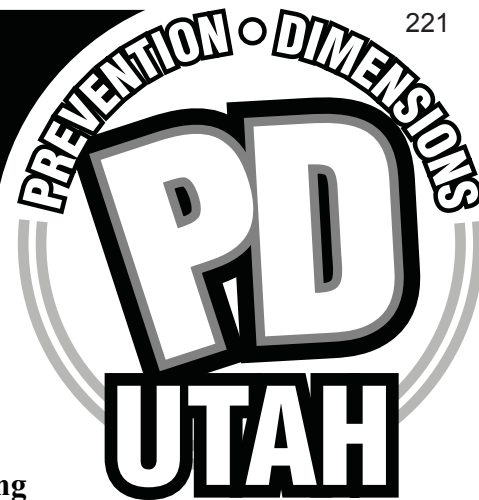


How Alcohol Damages a Teen's Developing Brain, Part 2

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Name _____

Alcohol Damages Our Brain's Pleasure-Reward System

Fill in the blanks using the words below:

rewards
pleasure

alcohol
alcoholic

damages
hospital

alcohol poisoning
alcohol-free

neurotransmitters

1. Our brain _____ us with feelings of pleasure when we do positive things that contribute to the survival and well-being of the human race.
2. _____ can range from an intense emotional high to a sense of happy satisfaction for doing something good.
3. Pleasure is generated by brain chemicals called _____ that connect the feeling of pleasure to the thing we enjoyed.
4. _____ pretends to be a neurotransmitter that tricks the brain into generating a pleasure reward feeling from a harmful chemical instead of a real experience.
5. Alcohol also _____ the brain's ability to sense pleasure from real things and experiences.
6. Drinking alcohol before the age of 21 can program your brain to become an _____.
7. The only sure way to avoid becoming an alcoholic is to stay _____.
8. Drinking too much alcohol at once can result in _____.
9. If a friend passes out from drinking alcohol, you should take him/her to the _____.
10. Looking at the graph to the right, if a person begins drinking alcohol at age 15 they have a _____% chance of becoming alcohol dependant as an adult.

If they begin drinking at age 21 they have only a _____ % chance.

