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Taking Risks

"You can't steal second base and still keep your foot on first."

Frederick Wilcox

There are risks involved in almost everything we do. To get where we want to go, we must take a risk. However, risks that are reckless, impulsive, unnecessary, and unreasonable are avoidable.

Unreasonable Risks:

Are negative

May lead to serious or life-threatening consequences

Negatives outweigh the positives

What we gain doesn't justify what we may lose

Chance of something bad happening is greater than something good happening

May cause injury or hurt to self or others



Reasonable Risks:

Are positive

Help us move forward and feel good about ourselves

Positives outweigh the negatives

What we gain justifies what we may lose

We gain something of greater value without risking something of greater value

Chance of something good happening is greater than something bad happening

Does not cause hurt to self or others



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Protecting Yourself Against Risks

Consider the following before taking a risks?

Resist peer pressure.

What do I have to gain?

Stay away from risk takers.

What do I have to lose?

Do the things I might gain justify the things I might lose?

Consider the consequences.

Consider other options.

Do the positives outweigh the negatives?

Pay attention to what you are doing.

Is this something I want for myself or am I being pressured?

Listen to your conscience.

How might my choice effect my future?

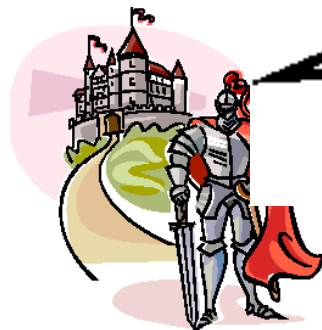
Know your limits.

What are my chances for succeeding?

Do you think, "It won't happen to me!"? Think again.

What other choices do I have?

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Keep yourself healthy, safe, and out of trouble by protecting yourself against risk.

It's your choice
and
your consequences.



Think about the
choices you are
making and the
risks you are
taking.

