

DRUGS IN THE WORKPLACE

Drug abuse is a major epidemic that is affecting businesses small and large across Virginia and America. Based on estimates made by experts, roughly one out of every seven members of the workplace is affected in some way by misuse of drugs and alcohol. Effects on businesses include slowed production, absenteeism, higher employee health care costs, and costly mistakes that can endanger human lives.



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DRUGS IN THE WORKPLACE is designed to educate supervisory personnel and others who work with identification and prevention of employee drug problems. Pinpointing the major drugs being abused in the workplace today, the program describes each drug's properties and effects on users. The major purpose of this video presentation, produced by Syndistar Inc., is to help viewers recognize possible cases of employee usage or dependence in order to identify and document these cases as a first step in getting help for the troubled individual.

A most disturbing fact to the Community Resource Development (CRD) program staff of the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service was that 75 percent of drug users in a recent survey admitted using illegal drugs on the job. This was documented by the National Drug Abuse Treatment and Referral and Information Service. Sixty-four percent said that drugs had hindered their job performance. Even more disturbing was the fact that 44 percent said that they sold drugs to fellow employees, and 25 percent reported daily use at work.

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Suggested Uses:

To provide select audiences with accurate, current knowledge about drugs in the workplace. To provide an educational program to serve as an introduction piece for audience discussion.

Recommended For:

Community and corporate prevention and rehabilitation programs, schools, colleges and universities, and 4-H youth programs. In addition, Chamber of Commerce, merchant associations, businesses, and industries.

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CONCLUSION

DRUGS IN THE WORKPLACE is a 15 minute video presentation that is more effective when combined with group discussion. The program is designed to promote an attitude of substance abuse awareness among employees. The CRD staff feels supervisors in the workplace are the first line of defense against this enormous problem. They must learn to recognize the specific symptoms that indicate an employee is on drugs.

Detailed questions concerning any form of substance abuse and crime prevention should be directed to your local police or sheriff's department. Please consult your local Extension Office for additional crime prevention resources made available by the CRD program.



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