

COMBATING DRUG ADDICTION IN CANADA

In modern society we have a lot of problems, which we face from ocean to ocean. Today the main problem all over the world is drugs. Many people don't understand why or how other people become addicted to drugs. With them come other various problems. There are also reasons why people might turn to using drugs. Emotional distress, such as personal or family problems, having low self-esteem, like losing a close one, losing a job, or having no friends, and environmental stress are all possible factors to causing one to use drugs. Drugs cause bad decision making, committing crime, and gets people very addicted to bad habits. Using drugs can affect young people's general health, physical growth, and emotional and social development. It can also change how well they make decisions, how well they think, and how quickly they can react.

Drug abuse in Canada is a major problem, especially among teenagers. Also, Canada is one of the world's leading sources of illicitly manufactured synthetic drugs. By the way, the life expectancy of an injecting drug user in Canada is 80 years. Drugs have hurt the lives of nearly 40 percent of all teenagers in Canada. Nowadays drugs are one of the most important issues facing political leadership and law enforcement agencies. In Canada there are some anti-crime at the federal level. One of the most significant is the National Drug Control Program, adopted in 2007 for a five-year term to reduce the supply of and demand for drugs. The first law against drugs was made in 1908 in Canada. It called the Opium Act of 1908. In many parts of the world, including Canada, the politics of prohibition form a huge barrier to public health efforts to stem the spread of drugs and other pathogens. In 2009, the National Drug Strategy launched the implementation of the Synthetic Drug Initiative, the first Canadian drug control program. This initiative provides for the adoption of a set of law enforcement and preventive measures. In conclusion, drug abuse is a serious public health problem that affects communities and families all over the world. What is more terrifying, a great per cent of drug takers are youngsters who can't yet understand the risk they are involved in. Each year drug abuse results in millions of illnesses and injuries among people. I would like to say that this problem is very topical nowadays. More and more people addict from drugs, and to save the population from this terrible disease we should pluck up its cause – drugs.

Drug abuse has been a growing problem all around the world, even in Canada. The cost of combating the drug problem is an expensive one that quickly drains resources and the taxpayers wallet. Not only is the monetary cost high but so is the personal cost. Here are some facts concerning drug use and abuse in Canada. Drug Use and Abuse in Canada Drug use and abuse in Canada is a problem that not only ruins the lives of the users and their families, but also costs taxpayers \$22.8 billion]per year . This cost is from treatment for drug abusers, as well as hiring additional law enforcement and equipment. With drug trafficking and production in Canada, the opportunity for its citizens to purchase these drugs and abuse them is extremely high. Despite the amount of illegal drugs in Canada, statistics have shown that drug use has been declining since 2006.

This is good news but the threat that illegal drugs present to Canadian society is still lingering; especially considering the increasing presence of gangs who traffic and produce these drugs. Canada: The Main Methamphetamine and Ecstasy Producer Over the past decade, Canada has grown from a minor drug producer to the major supplier of drugs such as ecstasy and methamphetamine in the world. Due to the high production rate of drugs, gang influence in Canada is also on the rise, along with the violence that commonly accompanies these gangs. Canadian methamphetamine products have been seized in sizable quantities in countries such as Australia, the United States and even Japan. Commonly Used Drugs in Canada Cannabis (aka weed, marijuana, pot) – Although cannabis use in Canada has been in a slight decline in the age group of 15-24, it is still a highly popular homegrown drug that is used across Cocaine – Cocaine use in Canada had a slight jump amongst the 15 – 24 age group in 2008, but since then, it has been in a decline. Cocaine users in the 25+ age group have also been declining in Canada since 2004.

Despite the declining numbers, cocaine is still highly addictive and a popular drug that is smuggled from countries in South and Central America. With Canada now leading the world in the production of methamphetamine and ecstasy, its citizens and government will have to deal with the side effects of the growing illegal drug industry. An increase of gang violence, drug seizures and other crimes will steadily increase until proper laws are put into effect to stem the tide of ingredients and drugs entering Canada. With the extremely large coastline and land area to cover, this job of eliminating drug trafficking will not be an easy one. It's not all doom and gloom though concerning substance abuse in Canada. Despite the

increase in drug trafficking and production, numbers have shown a decline in use of illegal drugs across all age groups. Although this does not mean Canada is out of the woods concerning substance abuse, it does give us hope that Canadian citizens are being properly educated about the dangers of drug abuse and are taking those lessons to heart.

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