

## **Warning Signs of Drug Use**

If your child exhibits one or more of the following behaviors or moods, drugs might have become a part of his or her life. Signs of drug use may also be symptoms of other potential problems, and therefore deserve your attention.

- Is withdrawn, depressed, tired, or careless about personal grooming.
- Is hostile, uncooperative, and frequently breaks curfews.
- Hangs around with a new group of friends.
- Grades have slipped, and school attendance is irregular.
- Loses interest in hobbies, sports, and other favorite activities.
- Eating and sleeping patterns have changed.
- Has a hard time concentrating.
- Has red-rimmed eyes and runny nose, but doesn't have allergies or a cold.
- Household money has been disappearing.
- You find items in your home: pipes, rolling papers, small medicine bottles, eye drops, butane lighters, homemade pipes, or bongs (pipes that use water as a filter) made from soda cans or plastic beverage containers.

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