

Drug and Alcohol Prevention

Pre-Viewing and Discussion Questions

Video Title: Ashley

Grade Level: Middle School

Pre-Viewing: Before watching the video...

1. Ask students to consider a time when they made a mistake that they could not fix:
 - What was the mistake?
 - Why was it unfixable?
 - Who suffered as a result of the mistake?
 - What did they learn from the experience?
2. Brainstorm with students:
 - What kinds of mistakes are unfixable?
 - For each mistake that students brainstorm, ask: If we hear of those mistakes happening, what lessons can we learn from them?
3. Explain that they will watch a video about Ashley, a college-aged student who made a mistake she could not fix. Ashley got into a car accident while she was driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol. She emerged from the accident with permanent injuries that will cause her to be unable to walk for the rest of her life. Ashley shares with us what she has learned from the experience and what she hopes others will learn from her story.

Discussion Questions

1. What was the sequence of events leading up to Ashley's accident?
2. What does it mean to be "sober"?
3. Why would Ashley feel "odd" if she was sober and the people around her were drinking?
4. Ashley says: "Something that I've also learned during this entire thing is that you really know who your true friends are and that family really is the people that are going to be there for you." Why do you think that Ashley has learned who her true friends are after the accident?
5. What recommendations does Ashley's mom make to other parents?
6. How do you think that Ashley's accident has most impacted her life? How do you think it has impacted her parents' lives?

Notes
