Decision-Making Labyrinth



Directions: Read each situation. After considering all options, record your choice in the appropriate space and complete the necessary information for each step in your packet. Then lock in your selection to continue.

Step 1:

In making a decision, we must always first identify the situation that we face.

On a Friday night, your friend calls and asks if you'll come over to hang out since his/her parents are out of town. You....

- a) Tell your parents what's up and head over
- b) Tell your parents you're heading over but exclude the fact that no parents are there
- c) Tell your friend you're going to hang home tonight, and ask them to come over to your house instead

<u>Step 2:</u>

Next we need to gather information and other resources. It's important to have a valid information on which to base our decisions.

When you get to your friend's house a few other people are there as well as some older kids who are friend's with his/her brother. They are drinking beer and offer you one. You say...

- a) Oh yeah and drink up
- b) Thanks, but take only a sip, and then put the can down next to you
- c) Thanks anyway I got a headache and grab a soda instead

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Next we need to gather information and other resources. It's important to have a valid information on which to base our decisions.

Your friend comes over. You're down in the basement watching television when your friend pulls out a joint and asks you if you want to smoke. You say:

- a) Alright and take a hit
- b) Okay, but don't inhale
- c) No man what are you crazy and ask him/her not to smoke

Step 3:

Now we need to consider all of our options.

Everybody **seems** to be having a good time and every body appears to be drinking, even you. The older kids are going upstairs to hang out and invite you to come along. You..

- a) Are psyched and head upstairs with them
- b) Say, thanks anyway but I'm going to hang down here with ...
- c) "Let's do something else."

Step 3:

Now we need to consider all of our options.

You get a soda and everybody seems to be having a good time and appears to be drinking, except for you. The older kids are going upstairs to hang out and invite whoever wants to come. You....

- a) Accept and head upstairs with them
- b) <u>Decline</u>, and stay downstairs with your friends
- c) Say "Let's do something else."

Step 3:

Now we need to consider all of our options.

You and your friend are passing the joint back and forth in the basement. Your friend says, "Let's go for a walk before it gets too smokey down here." You...

- a) Agree and head outside
- b) <u>Decline and stay downstairs with your</u> <u>friend</u>
- c) Say, "Let's do something else."

Step 3:

Now we need to consider all of our options.

Your friend lights the joint anyway, and says, "Lets go for a walk before it gets too smoky down here." You say...

- a) Yeah.. and head outside
- b) You crazy! It's freezing out. Hurry up so my parents don't smell anything
- c) Put that out! Let's do something.

Step 4:

Next we need to predict the consequences of our decisions.

Once you get upstairs the older kids decide that they need more beer. Everyone piles into the car. You...

- a) Get in the car too
- b) Change your mind and head back downstairs
- c) Say, "I'm not riding with you guys you're drunk. I'll get another ride."

Step 4:

Next we need to predict the consequences of our decisions.

You suggest playing a game. All your friends agree and grab another can of beer to play a drinking game. You...

- a) Grab one and the game begins
- b) Say, "Fine but I'm not drinking."
- c) Pretend your parents called and say that something happened at home and you got to leave

Step 4:

Next we need to predict the consequences of our decisions.

- As you're walking, a police officer drives by, rolls down his window, and asks you what's going on.
- Your friend is holding the joint behind his back. You...
- a) Take off running
- b) Point to your friend and say, "It's not mine, it's hers/his."
- c) Shrug your shoulders and say, "Not much"

Step 4:

Next we need to predict the consequences of our decisions.

You suggest watching a movie instead. Your friend agrees and takes another hit. You...

- a) Put on the movie and ignore your friend
- b) Tell your friend to go outside and smoke
- c) Tell your friend to put it or he can leave

Next we need to consider our personal values and make the best choice.

The driver is all over the road, and loses control of the car. The car crashes into a telephone pole. When the police and paramedics arrive they survey the scene, attend to your injuries, and asks you several questions. You....

- a) Try to protect the driver by making up a false story to keep them out of trouble
- b) Are completely honest about the events of the evening
- c) You tell the truth about some things but leave some information out

Next we need to consider our personal values and make the best choice.

When you get downstairs you see that your friends have started playing a drinking game. You...

- a) Grab a beer and join in
- b) Watch the game but don't drink
- c) Call your parents and get a ride home





Next we need to consider our personal values and make the best choice.

Your friends give you a hard time but you go to the bathroom and call your parents to pick you up. When your parents ask you why you want to leave, you...

- a) Lie to protect your friends and say you're tired
- Tell your parents what is going on and that you are uncomfortable but don't tell them about the alcohol
- c) Are completely honest about the evening

Next we need to consider our personal values and make the best choice.

You've been playing the game for a while and have had a lot to drink. You realize you're drunk and start to feel really six. You call your parents and you...

- a) Try to mask feeling sick and ask if you can sleep over
- Ask your parents to come and get you and explain that you are not comfortable with what is happening at the party but don't tell them about the alcohol
- c) Are completely honest about the events of the evening and ask them to come and get you



Next we need to consider our personal values and make the best choice.

Your friends look at you like you have four-heads and say "What's the big deal?" You...

- a) Say, "never mind, I was just kidding, let's play."
- b) Say, 'I meant, maybe we could play a game that doesn't involve alcohol."
- c) Say, "I'm not into this, I'm calling and getting a ride home."



Next we need to consider our personal values and make the best choice.

As you're running away from the police officer you trip and fall. The police officer catches up to you and your friend. He begins to question you. You...

- a) Are completely honest about the events of the evening
- b) Try to protect your friends by making up a false story to keep them out of trouble
- You tell the truth about some things but leave out some information

Next we need to consider our personal values and make the best choice.

The officer takes you both into custody and informs you that you're going to have to call your parents from the police station. As you're talking to your parents you....

- a) Tell them your friend had a cigarette which the officer mistook for marijuana.
- b) Tell them it was all your friend's fault and you didn't do anything wrong.
- c) Are completely honest about the events of the evening. They are going to find out eventually.



Next we need to consider our personal values and make the best choice.

The officer continues to question you because he can clearly smell the odor of marijuana, and asks both of you, "Are you hiding marijuana?" You...

- a) Say, "I don't have anything."
- b) Say, "I'm really sorry. Please don't tell my parents."
- c) Be honest and tell the officer everything



Next we need to consider our personal values and make the best choice.

As you're watching the movie, one of your parents come downstairs because they smell smoke. When they ask you what's going on. You....

- a) Are completely honest
- Tell your parents the truth and begging them not to tell your friends parents.
- c) Tell your parent that you didn't smoke and you tried to get your friend to stop but he/she wouldn't.



Next we need to consider our personal values and make the best choice.

Your friend continues to smoke ignoring your request. One of your parents come downstairs because they smell smoke. When they ask you what's going on. You...

- a) Are completely honest
- b) Tell your parents the truth and begging them not to tell your friends parents.
- c) Tell your parent that you didn't smoke and you tried to get your friend to stop but he/she wouldn't.

Next we need to consider our personal values and make the best choice.

Your friend just sits there ignoring what you asked. You...

- a) Tell him/her to leave and go upstairs.
- b) Ignore your friend's behavior and continue watching the movie.
- c) Grab the joint and put it out.



Step 6:

Finally we need to evaluate our decision.

Please review your packets to make sure you have completed all 6 steps of he decision-making model





This concludes the

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