



Students Against Destructive Decisions

What is SADD?

SADD is a national network of caring and committed youth that strive to make a positive impact in their communities. It empowers teens and encourages them to consider the impact of their choices on their friends and families.

Why Should I Start a SADD Chapter?

SADD is a grassroots organization. The chapter determines the issues that are most pressing in their community and works to address them. Traditionally, they address problems like underage drinking, tobacco use, illegal drug and RX drug abuse, impaired and distracted driving, suicide, violence, bullying, teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. SADD chapters work with local, state, and national legislators.

How Do I Start a Chapter?

Contact ACT Missouri or visit www.sadd.org and complete a chapter registration form. Once you have registered, you will receive a packet, certificate of membership, a free gift, information on our newsletters and more.

The packet will provide you with the mechanics to proceed with starting your chapter:

- how to get people involved
- how to find an advisor
- when to hold meetings
- what to discuss at meetings
- what types of activities to plan

Each SADD chapter is unique, and it is up to each chapter to determine what activities will work best in your community. You may form a chapter at your school, youth organization, community center, or faith-based group.

How Does SADD Benefit My Community?

SADD believes in the power of young people and their ability to make sound, intelligent decisions. It empowers students to act on their own convictions, and it puts the responsibility for making safe, informed choices on teens themselves rather than telling them what to do or not do.

SADD relies on scientifically grounded prevention principles that begin and evolve at the local level, are age and culturally appropriate, are long-term and continue throughout the school career, and are cost effective.

Its programming targets all forms of drug use, skills to resist drug offers, social competency skills, a parent component, and an outreach to all populations.

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