

LIFE PROBLEMS RELATED TO STUDENTS' AOD USE

Listed in order from the most frequent to the least frequent, life problems associated with alcohol and other drug use among high school students in Tennessee were ranked as follows:

Rankings of AOD-Related Life Problems Reported by Tennessee High School Students, 1995/1997

<u>Rankings</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
1 Felt really sick	31%
2 Did something they later felt sorry for	24%
3 Had sex because of drinking alcohol or using drugs	23%
4 Got into a fight or argument	20%
5 Was asked not to drive	15%
6 Missed school or work	13%
7 Lost a friendship	9%
8 Had money problems	8%
9 Was in an accident or had an injury	7%
10 Got into trouble at school or work	7%
11 Was arrested or held at a police station for an AOD-related offense other than DUI or drug offenses	6%
12 Was arrested for drug offense	2.2%
13 Was arrested for DUI (driving under the influence)	1.6%

Other AOD-related problems reported by these youth include drunken and drugged driving.

Twenty-two percent of students had ever driven a motor vehicle after drinking alcohol. Nineteen percent of students had done so in the past 12 months, and 11% in the past 30 days.

Thirteen percent of students reported ever driving a motor vehicle after drinking 5 or more drinks (defined as binge drinking). Eleven percent of students had done so in the past 12 months, and 6% in the past 30 days.

Finally, 16% of students had driven a motor vehicle after using other drugs besides alcohol. Fourteen percent had done so in the past 12 months, and 9% in the past 30 days.

Nearly two-thirds of students had been passengers in a motor vehicle when the driver had been drinking alcohol or using other drugs, and 48% had done so in the past 12 months.

Thirteen percent of students never wear seatbelts when driving or riding as a passenger in a motor vehicle.