Prevalence of Drug Problems

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Points to be made

1. drug use and drug problems are widespread in Ontario
2. most of the harm is associated with the use of alcohol and tobacco
“When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading.”

Henny Youngman
Real People

Real Problems
**Problem Drugs Identified by Admissions to Specialized Drug Treatment in Ontario, 2010-11**

- **Alcohol**: 68.7%
- **Cannabis**: 32.6%
- **Tobacco**: 21.3%
- **Presc. Opioids**: 19.5%
- **Cocaine**: 15.7%
- **Crack**: 14.9%
- **Benzodiazepines**: 3.4%
- **Heroin/Opium**: 2.3%
- **Ecstasy**: 2.1%

Prevalence of Drug Use Among Ontario Adults (18+ yr)

Prevalence of Drug Use in Past Year
Ontario Grades 7 – 12 (2011)

Prevalence of Ontario Adults Drinking Harmfully Based on AUDIT Scores (8+) (2009)

Legal Consequences of Drug Use
407,500 Alcohol & Drug Offences in Ontario, 2002 (53% of all offences)

1.3+ Million Alcohol-, Tobacco- & Illegal Drug-Related Hospital Days, Ontario 2002
(17.8% of all hospital days)

Type of Drug-related Deaths in Ontario (2002)

Drug-related deaths = 15,253

- Tobacco, 86.2%
- Alcohol, 9.1%
- Illegal Drugs, 4.2%

Economic Costs of Drug Problems in Ontario, 2002 = $14,300 million

Why Alcohol & Tobacco?
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Take-home Messages

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