

Town of Weymouth

STORE OWNERS/BUSINESSES

The Weymouth Youth Coalition's Substance Abuse Prevention Team needs your help in the fight to prevent illicit drug use in Weymouth.

KNOW THE FACTS:

In 2007:

- Weymouth had a significantly high rate of alcohol and substance related hospitalizations among residents – 517.7*
- Weymouth had 25.3 opioid-related fatal overdoses – three times higher than the rate in Massachusetts*
- Weymouth had 355.1 opioid related hospitalizations*

From October through December, 2006**

- 23 years was the average age of addicts who died in Southeastern Massachusetts

*From the Mass. Emergency Preparedness Health Watch Data 2007

** From the Wasted Youth Series, Brockton Enterprise

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP:

- Be aware that harmless-looking novelty items such as roses and pens in glass tubes are used to smoke crack cocaine – take them off your shelves
- Blunt wrap cigar papers in kid friendly flavors are used to wrap marijuana – take them off your shelves
- Assist the Weymouth Youth Coalition Substance Abuse Prevention Team in prevention efforts by participating in focus groups, meetings and public forums
- Make a donation to the Weymouth Youth Coalition Substance Abuse Prevention Team

THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN MAKING YOUR DECISION TO HELP:

- Substance abuse issues contribute to higher crime rates
- Substance abuse prevention efforts are most effective when youth, adults, schools, law enforcement officials, businesses, and faith based organizations work together