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People overstate the risks of using alcohol and tobacco

When people take drugs, they never really know what they are taking Medications have been well evaluated so there are no risks when taking them

It is important for people to make their own mind up about taking substances Making healthy choices regarding drugs, alcohol and tobacco is easy

Young people like taking risks and find smoking and drinking exciting

Young people mostly use drugs because their friends do

If adults didn't drink or smoke as much, young people wouldn't either



Fewer school children are using drugs, alcohol and tobacco

Resource 2: Risks of using tobac	cco card sort				©PSHE Association 2025
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