**STEROID ABUSE AMONG KIDS**

The national epidemic of anabolic steroid use among our youth (12-19 years old) often goes unnoticed by parents, coaches and other influential adults. Although kids may hide behind smiles, the tragic truth can be found in the facts.

**MANY STEROID USERS ARE KIDS...**

**MEDIAN AGE FOR 1ST TIME STEROID USE:** 15

Over 1.5 million teens admit to using anabolic steroids

**AND IT’S NOT JUST BOYS:**

TEEN GIRLS ARE THE FASTEST GROWING GROUP OF NEW USERS

**WHAT DOES STEROID ABUSE LOOK LIKE?**

- Mood swings
- Increased aggression
- Oily skin
- Joint pain
- Secretive
- Paranoia
- Hair loss
- Fast muscle growth
- Bad breath
- Locks bedroom door
- Depression
- Asks for money

**40%**

OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SAY IT’S EASY TO OBTAIN

**STEROIDS CAN SKEW A “REASONABLE PERSPECTIVE”**

- **62.5%**
  - Steroid users do it to **IMPROVE THEIR LOOKS**

- **57%**
  - Steroid users said they would take a pill or powder if it guaranteed reaching their athletic goal — even if it might **SHORTEN THEIR LIFE!**

**IT TAKES A 00:01 SECOND FOR A STUDENT TO FIND STEROIDS FOR SALE ONLINE**

**UP TO 25%**

dietary supplements are spiked

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