

House Party Scenario: Part 3 of 3 'Choices'
Teacher Reference Sheet



Below are some examples of what Robyn and Dan could have done differently to avoid the outcome; these relate mostly to choices affected by communication, consideration and understanding for each other's thoughts and feelings. Words of advice are also provided.

Points listed in the table below are not exhaustive; pupils may mention others which are not listed.

Dan	Robyn
<p>NOT DRINK EXCESSIVE ALCOHOL AND TAKE DRUGS: It is highly likely that mixing alcohol and drugs has contributed to the choices Dan made which led to the situation he found himself in.</p> <p>! Mixing alcohol and drugs to have a 'good night' is risky: not only is it very dangerous to your health, it also affects your ability to think straight, assess risky situations and stay safe.</p> <p>Be responsible for your safety and that of others; stay within your limits and in control.</p> <p>Drug possession and supply against the law!</p>	<p>NOT DRINK EXCESSIVE ALCOHOL: It is highly likely that this has contributed to the choices made by Robyn and the situation she found herself in.</p> <p>Just because she perceived herself to be in a safe environment, dangers exist anywhere when not in control.</p> <p>! Drinking excessive amounts of alcohol to have a 'good night' is risky: not only is it very dangerous to your health, it also affects your ability to think straight, assess risky situations and stay safe.</p> <p>Be responsible for your safety and that of others; stay within your limits and in control.</p>
<p>NOT ASSUME ROBYN WANTS TO HAVE SEX: Dan has assumed that Robyn's flirtation and choice to kiss him signifies that she would want to have sex.</p> <p>It is possible that Dan's intake of alcohol and drugs have contributed to the way in which he is reading Robyn's behaviour.</p> <p>! Agreeing to, and participating in kissing and sexual touching is NOT consent for sex.</p>	<p>BE MORE AWARE OF MIXED MESSAGES: Robyn must be responsible and mindful of how others may interpret her actions, behaviour and body language; especially when alcohol and drugs can distort this.</p> <p>It is possible that Robyn's intake of alcohol (and drugs) have contributed to her ability to think of this, as the 1st faculty lost when drunk is 'thinking'</p> <p>! Going over your limit and losing control increases the potential of you making decisions and behaving in a way you wouldn't if you were sober.</p> <p>Be mindful of this before consuming alcohol and drugs</p>
<p>NOT SUPPLIED ROBYN WITH DRUGS: Dan has supplied Robyn drugs intending to affect her ability to consent to sex; not only has he exploited her, he has committed 2 offences.</p> <p>Supplied an illicit drug - even though no money was given in exchange for the drugs, this is still a supply offence</p> <p>Supply a drugs for the intention of exploiting them is an extremely serious offence against a person</p> <p>! Supplying a person with drugs is an offence; supplying with the intention of carrying out a sexual act on them whilst they are under the influence of the drug is a serious offence which amounts to Rape.</p>	<p>NOT TAKEN DRUGS: Robyn should not have accepted Dan's offer of drugs; not only can she not be clear on what it is, she also has no way of knowing how it will affect her especially when mixed with the level of alcohol in her body.</p> <p>It is likely that mixing drugs with alcohol has enhanced the effects on Robyn's ability to be in control and be aware of what is going on around her.</p> <p>The increased loss of control has put Robyn at greater risk of harm and to being take advantage of (exploited) by others; as has in this case.</p> <p>! Mixing alcohol with drugs significantly increases the risk of serious harm; ingredients and potency of drugs always change, <u>you never know what you are taking</u>, the effect it will have, or how your body may react.</p>
<p>ACCEPT THAT CONSENT WAS NOT GIVEN: When Dan asked Robyn the first time to go upstairs with him, she did not say no – but she did not say yes either! Dan should have accepted this is not consent.</p>	<p>COMMUNICATED CLEARLY: Had Robyn clearly communicated to Dan that she did not want to have sex with him when he first asked her to go upstairs, it may have changed his interpretation and understanding of the situation.</p>

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It is possible that Dan's alcohol and drug intake affected the way he was reading Robyn's response.

! Anything less than a YES is a NO!
When a person is intoxicated their capacity to give consent is affected – if they say 'yes' they may not be fully aware of what it is they are consenting to.

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It is important to make your feelings clear; however, Dan must accept that 'a laugh and a hug' response is not a 'YES'

It is possible that their alcohol and drug intake affected how they both read and responded to this.

! It is important to stay in control and within your limits to ensure so you can communicate clearly and manage situations that may put you at risk of harm.

Dan	Robyn
<p>NOT TAKEN ROBYN UPSTAIRS: Knowing the effect that additional drugs and alcohol had on Robyn, Dan has acted at a point that Robyn was not capable of responding.</p> <p>Knowing that Robyn had not consented to his earlier request to go upstairs, Dan should never have taken proceeded to do so when she was unable to respond at all; he has taken advantage of her not having the capacity to consent.</p> <p>It is possible that Dan's intake of drugs and alcohol contributed to his decision to do this to Robyn; he may not have done so had he been sober, but this is not a lawful defence.</p> <p>! Taking advantage of a person's incapability of giving consent is a serious offence.</p>	<p>DANGERS OF OPEN SOURCE INVITES</p> <p>Although not necessarily a fault of Robyn's, caution must be taken to advertising parties on social media; this can attract unknown people and increase the potential of risky or unwanted behaviour.</p> <p>Inviting people to your home who you don't know in real life may increase risk of harm to yourself and your guests; it may also increase the risk of offences taking place relating to drugs, violence and sexual exploitation</p> <p>! It is not just people you don't know who can present risk; social environments such as house parties can present risks, danger and result in offences occurring between friends and associates too.</p> <p>Know your limits, stay in control and stay safe!</p>

Learning Points

EXPLAIN: Outcomes such as this are often a consequence of **poor choices**, affected by communication and understanding; it is not until after, when it is too late, those involved realise this could have been avoided at several points through safer choices, understanding and respect.

Sexual activity must be agreed by both parties; ensure you stop and think before making a choice....

- 1. Anything less than a clear and freely given 'YES' is a NO!!**
Always ask the question if not sure (i.e. Can I? Is this ok? Are you ok with this?)
Being vague can be misleading, ensure your 'yes' or 'no' choice is clear!!
- 2. You have the responsibility to respect the rights and freedom of others, just as you have the right to expect others to respect yours!!**
- 3. Communicate: it's better to talk about sexual feelings and expectations and get it right rather than assume and get it wrong!!** This ensures all parties know where they stand about what is happening
- 4. Threatening, manipulating, coercing or exploiting someone to engage in sexual activity is an offence and can amount to rape: consent can only be given with capacity, freedom and choice.**

If you're not sure the other person consents; stop & ask them! It's a wise habit to get into!

Remember! A person whose capacity, freedom or choice to give consent is affected **CANNOT** give consent.