



GO BIG OR GO HOME – Impaired Driving and Speeding

Activities

DRAMATICALLY DEAD DAY

OBJECTIVE

This activity is designed to show youth how many people are truly affected by impaired driving car crashes.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Black t-shirts
- White face paint
- Black and white poster paint
- Card board boxes cut into tombstones
- Safety pins
- Grim Reaper costume

HOW THE ACTIVITY WORKS

This activity requires participants to have a mature and responsible attitude. Ask teachers to recommend students or use student council and road safety team members who will act appropriately. They must be able to remain silent and convey a somber attitude.

In the lead-up to event day:

- Select students who will “perish” throughout the day.
- Make and paint tombstones.
- Type up “death” scenarios which will be pinned to the black t-shirts ahead of time. The scenarios should deal with impaired driving and can say things such as “Being a passenger in a drunk driver’s car” or “Driving under the influence”.
- Pick a student to be the Grim Reaper and provide a list of students who are scheduled to “die”.
- Get permission from the principal and tell school staff about this activity. Give teachers a list of students so they know if the Grim Reaper will be showing up at their classes.

On event day the Grim Reaper will appear at classrooms and pull students out. When the students return to class they will be dressed in a black t-shirt and have their face painted white. They will not speak to anyone for the rest of the day. The only form of communication they have with the “living” world is the message on their shirt explaining how they died. A tombstone is erected at the front of the school in their memory.

This activity allows students to put faces on the statistics and shows it can happen to them or people they care about.