

## The Elks National Drug Awareness Program

The Elks National Drug Awareness Program, an arm of The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, is the largest volunteer drug awareness program in the United States. The Elks are committed to eliminating the use and abuse of illegal drugs by all members of society and believe that in order to ensure a bright future for our country, it is essential that children be raised in a drug-free environment.

For more information  
visit [www.elks.org/dap](http://www.elks.org/dap).

## Milton Creagh

Milton Creagh (KREE uh), aka Bigg Milt, is best known for his hard-hitting, inspirational talks to high school students. Speaking to more than 200,000 young adults annually, Milt is one of the most in-demand speakers for teens in America. He has spoken in 49 states as well as Canada, South America, Central America, the Caribbean and Africa. Milt is the host of the award winning Masquerade: Unveiling Our Deadly Dance with Drugs and Alcohol and Face Reality: Uncovering the Lies of Adult Alcohol and Drug Use.

For more information  
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**1-800-RUNAWAY**

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BIG MILT**  
Milton Creagh

**Elks National  
Drug Awareness Program  
Discussion Guide**

Nationally Sought-After Motivational Speaker  
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## Elks National Drug Awareness Program **Discussion Guide**

*The purpose of this guide is to facilitate open dialogue about what's happening in the video and ultimately, what is happening in our communities. The following questions are suggestions for discussion.*

1. How do we send messages through stories or songs? Give an example.

2. What are the benefits of friendship? Can friends be good for you and bad for you? Give an example.

3. What should you do if one of your friends starts using drugs?

4. What drugs do you hear people are using in your school? Are there other drugs that you hear about adults using in the community? Do you agree there are some kids who aren't into using drugs, but want to sell drugs?

5. What can be done to prevent young people from getting into trouble or using drugs?

6. What story does Milton share about Izzy and his brother?

7. Izzy said to Milton, "More than anything you believed in our talent." Think of a person who has inspired you, such as a teacher or mentor. How did they inspire you?

8. Why is it so difficult for an alcoholic or drug addict to get "clean?" What are some ways a friend or family member could help?

9. What is the cause of most murders between the ages of 12-24? Which gender is affected the most?

10. In the video, Charles, an adult recovering drug addict told his daughter, "Baby, why don't you keep him quiet for a few minutes, while I go into the bathroom and do this dope." What can be learned from his story? How does that story make you feel?

11. Does Jeff Gordon fit the stereotype of a drug user? Why or why not? What can be learned from his story?

12. Where do young people hear about drugs? Discuss specific examples.

13. Victoria's mother was a drug addict who had 17 children. She said, "I don't doubt that my mother loved me. She just loved the dope more." How do you think her mother influenced her life? What do you think of Victoria's attitude regarding life, drug use, her mother, and career aspirations?

14. Milton states, "In white suburban communities, kids there use 300% more drugs than in low income inner city minority communities." Is this surprising? Why is drug use more in suburban communities?

15. Make a list of reasons why students begin using drugs. List these reasons on the board so the class can see them. (Have one of the kids list these reasons on the board so all can see them.)

16. Is drug abuse a physical or mental addiction?

17. In the music video, what kinds of people bought drugs from the dealer? Were you surprised by the buyers?

18. What was Milton's original career aspiration? Who influenced him? Why did he change his vision?

19. In pairs, make a list of commonly heard facts regarding drug use and drug sales. Research the "facts" to see if they are true or false.

20. In groups of three or four, create a poster or flier displaying "FYI" on one of the following drugs: Cocaine, Heroin, Marijuana, Crack, PCP, Ecstasy, Alcohol, and Crystal Meth.

21. What is Milton's message at the end of the film? Do you agree with him? Why or why not?

**Did you know: One out of four women will be sexually assaulted, raped or molested. In 83% of the cases, the assaulter will be under the influence of drugs.**

### **About the Video**

Storyteller and renowned speaker for teenagers Milton Creagh talks about drugs from the point of view of a character, Dope. Creagh interweaves facts and stories from former drug users throughout a behind the scenes video, which includes song and lyrics to educate students on the dangers of drug use.