## **WAYS TO REDUCE HARM**



# when taking drugs for the first time



### **KNOW YOUR STUFF**

Even if you've taken drugs before, taking drugs in a new environment, and buying them from someone new, brings its own risks

TOP TIP: check your drugs before you take them. You can use services such as WEDINOS, or see if you have a local option!



## DON'T GO IT ALONE

Did you know?

56% of students who use drugs, do so at home or in their accomodation

TOP TIP: think about where you're taking drugs. It's best to be in a safe and familiar environment around people you trust



### START SMALL

Even when we do know what we're taking (woo drug checking!), we often don't know its potency. It may be a lot stronger than you expect

TOP TIP: start off small, e.g. a dab or half a pill, and wait at least two hours before taking any more



### ONE AT A TIME

Did you know?

41% of students who take drugs have never mixed two or more drugs

TOP TIP: mixing drugs, or mixing drugs and alcohol increases the risk of harm. If you're planning to take drugs, stick to water!



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