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Most young people who experiment with drugs or use them recreationally – at parties, for example – do not develop serious drug problems. For these individuals, the greatest risks are associated with having an accident, getting into a fight, getting into trouble with the police or having unprotected sex whilst under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs. However, a small but significant minority of young people who experiment with drugs do become intensive drug users and develop serious drug-related health problems

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