Teen Peer Pressure by the Numbers

- 19% of teens report they would give up using a cell phone while driving if their friends did the same. 
  Source: Teen Driver Source

- 23% of teen girls feel pressured to have sex. 

- 33% of teen boys ages 15-17 feel pressured to have sex. 

- 55% of teens tried drugs for the first time because they felt pressured by their friends. 
  Source: Foundation for a Drug-Free World

- 70% of teens who smoke say they started smoking because their friends smoke or they felt peer pressure to try smoking. 
  Source: Canadian Lung Association

What can parents do?

- Talk to your teens about smoking, drinking, drugs and sex.
- Be a positive influence to your teens.
- Know who your teen’s friends are and what they are doing.
- Keep the lines of communication open.

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