

# HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

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**FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE**

## WHAT IS **HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT** (HIPS)?

HIPS is a community awareness program to educate parents through a hands-on learning experience that covers current trends and signs of risky behavior.

**HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT** includes an interactive exhibit designed to resemble a teenager's bedroom that contains 100+ items which may be indicative of dangerous or risky behaviors.

This exhibit is accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation and discussion that touches on: Alcohol, Tobacco Use/Vaping, Other Substance Misuse, Violence, Mental Health and More.

HIPS outlines the following behaviors:

- Alcohol Use
- Marijuana
- Prescription Drugs
- Over the Counter Drugs
- Illicit Drugs
- Mental Health Issues
- Sexual Behavior
- Other Risky Behaviors



WHAT DO YOU DO?  
WHERE DO YOU GET  
**HELP?**



A Community Awareness  
Program for Parents presented by

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**SULLY DISTRICT STATION**

## THE ILLUSION

The bedroom of an average teenager can look like a well-planned illusion. The trick to seeing through an illusion is knowing what is used to create that illusion. We recreate a complete typical teenager's bedroom and the first thirty minutes of the program invites the participants to "snoop" through the room to find items and objects that could indicate "risky behavior."

## EDUCATION

A PowerPoint presentation will be presented describing each prop that the participants should have located in the room. All props will be explained and described how it could be a tool in a risky behavior. The program will be updated regularly depending on the recent trends and behaviors.

The program is open to adult audiences ONLY. Young people are not permitted in the programs. This program is designed to educate parents on recent trends and to assist their child in finding the proper help if a risky behavior is detected. This program can be presented at any civic organization, parent group, church group, or anyone who thinks this would benefit parents and in the long run, our youth population. This program is presented free of charge by the Fairfax County Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit.

## GET INVOLVED

### HOW TO HOST AN EVENT

- 1 ) INITIATE:** Choose a date for your program and Contact PFC Meg Hawkins at 703-814-7045.
- 2 ) PUBLICIZE:** A sample press release will be given to you to use to publicize the event.
- 3 ) STRATEGIZE:** Think of creative ways to get parent participation.
- 4 ) PREPARE:** For the exhibit, we need a space about 18' across and 10' deep
- 5 ) DAY OF PROGRAM:** We need at least one hour to setup and one hour to tear down, 30 minutes for browsing and an 1.5 hour PowerPoint presentation.

## NEED MORE INFO?

Please contact

**PFC Meg Hawkins**

at [FCPDHIPS@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:FCPDHIPS@fairfaxcounty.gov)

You can also call 703-814-7045 or visit <https://bit.ly/fcpdhips> for upcoming presentations.