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## PREVENTION TALK

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ore than half of the parents (52 percent) reported in a recent survey that they are hungry for information about the drug Ecstasy. This Prevention TALK newsletter is an attempt to uncover the mystery and present some basic facts about this dangerous, illegal drug.

According to a survey conducted in October 2003 one in nine teenagers in America have tried Ecstasy at least once.<sup>2</sup>

## TO THINK ABOUT...

- Between 2001-2002, 2.6 million teens reported experimenting with Ecstasy.<sup>4</sup>
- As a parent your best defense is a good offense.
  Educate yourself about the drug Ecstasy.
- Do you celebrate with your teen when he or she makes the decision not to use drugs?

## **ACTION STEPS:**

- Parents can influence their teens' decisions around drug use by monitoring and asking these four questions:
  - WHO will you be with?
  - WHAT are you going to do?
  - WHERE are you going?
  - WHEN will you be home?

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