

How does
Access to Alcohol and Other Drugs
Affect Somerville Youth?

DEPENDENCE

Young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence.

SEXUAL ACTIVITY

Teens who use alcohol are at greater risk for engaging in both sexual activity and unprotected sex.

ILLICIT DRUG USE

More than 67% of young people who start drinking before the age of 15 will try an illicit drug.

SCHOOL

Student substance use is linked to academic problems and dropout rates.

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