Knowing the Laws

8.16 examine the impacts of substance use and gambling, both legally sanctioned and illegal activities have on communities

There is so much information out there on addictions/substance abuse that it can be overwhelming; where do we start? There are the effects on our lives, our bodies, our relationships, our wallets. And then there are the legalities of it all. So let’s start there – what are the local laws regarding drugs, alcohol, tobacco and gambling? In each of these categories, there are legally sanctioned activities (ie. The use of drugs for health reasons) and illegally sanctioned activities (ie. Dog fights and gambling).

You must choose ONE substance and research the laws regarding that substance.

Possible topics:

* Street drugs and prescription drugs
* Alcohol
* Tobacco
* Gambling

You will be given a limited amount of time to find the above information – make sure laws are Canadian, preferably Nova Scotian. You are to find the following information on whichever topic is assigned:

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| ***What age restrictions are put on its use*** | ***What sale restrictions are there (buyer and purchaser)*** | ***Who can buy/sell/participate (legally)*** | ***What other laws are there related to the topic*** | ***List the consequences (fines, jail time, counselling, etc.) are possible*** |
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