

# *Common Success Pitfalls for Teens*

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- 1. Hanging with a crowd that does illegal things**
- 2. Hanging with a crowd that is always bored**
- 3. Hanging with a crowd that tries to be noticeably different from others in the locale**
- 4. Staying out beyond curfew**
- 5. Having too much free time on your hands**
- 6. Having too much privacy and non-adult input**
- 7. Using any illegal substance – alcohol, tobacco, other drugs**
- 8. Neglecting school**
- 9. A boyfriend/girlfriend who takes all your time/attention**
- 10. Neglecting family and home**
- 11. Allowing anger to dictate how you respond to people and circumstances**
- 12. Not learning how to resolve conflicts, problems**
- 13. Not holding on to morals, religious values taught by parents**
- 14. Becoming consumed with self, want of money, things**
- 15. Thinking you are “better” than or “above” others**
- 16. Disregarding policies, rules, laws**
- 17. Taking risks you know are not reasonable because you want to feel good**