

At some point we have all sat down with our parents for "The Talk".

We need to erm... to well... to have a chat...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? DON'T TRY AND TALK TO ME ABOUT SEX!

We really do need to talk about people's um... trousers! Yes! How girls trousers and boys trousers are different!!

WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU?

I'M NOT LISTENING I'M NOT LISTENING LA LA LA

But this cartoon is not about that talk, this is about The Other Talk. The Other Talk is families talking openly together about alcohol and other drugs.

THE OTHER TALK

We need to have a chat.

ANOTHER ONE?!!

It's important we understand what each of us thinks about drugs and alcohol and that we have all the facts. No question is too silly.

Ok I have a question, can wombats get drunk?

Alright almost no question is too silly

Get the facts. You're not expected to know everything, you get to ask questions too. TheOtherTalk.org.au website is a good place to start.

Did you know that wombats can get drunk? True!

I knew it!

Talk about why people might take drugs, but don't exaggerate the harms as you will sound less believable.

If you ever take drugs you will turn into a wombat!

Are you sure?

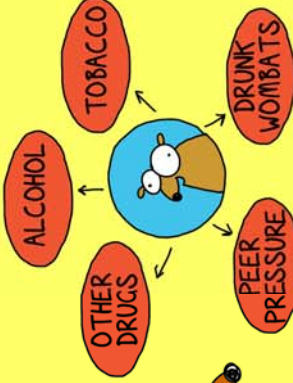
Discuss issues as they arise and keep the conversation relaxed. You can use things that come up on TV or radio as a way to start talking about stuff.

How was your day?

Weird?

On the way home from school there was this drunk wombat...

Do you know how your child will react in different situations? It will help you work with them to reduce the risk of alcohol and other drug-related harms.



Explain your views on alcohol and other drugs (use facts!) Then explain your rules and what happens if they breach them.

No DRUGS NO DRINKING AND ESPECIALLY NO WOMBATS!

Work together on ways to get out of situations where their friends are using alcohol or other drugs and they don't want to be embarrassed by not taking part.

So... what if you were at a party and a wombat offered you drugs?

I would kung fu it in the underpants!

Later at a party...

Hey you want some of this shard? It's pretty goob!

HIYA!! POW!!

um... no thanks I'm playing in a big game tomorrow

So how was the party?

Oh it was ok. Hey I was just wondering, what is shard?

Get all the info you need at www.TheOtherTalk.org.au