



Overview

Think Twice is an important prevention and intervention initiative for the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). Consisting of a newly revised video and companion workbook, *Think Twice* is designed to provide at-risk youth and their parents/guardians with real world information about the consequences of juvenile crime, and its impact on the victims and the youth personally.

Ultimately, *Think Twice* is intended to help direct youth away from the DJJ system and toward making more positive and informed decisions about their behavior.

The Video

The stories in the *Think Twice* video are true and the young people depicted are not paid actors or actresses, but real juveniles who were involved with DJJ and once lived behind the fence. The youth talk about what life is like being under constant supervision, going to school year round, and missing their family and their freedom. They also tell their real stories and the consequences of split second decisions that they are forced to live with every day. And just as important, the video includes a moving story of a victim who tells how his life has been forever changed, and what he goes through on a daily basis as a result of crime.

Think Twice Workbook

The *Think Twice* companion workbook is used to help foster discussion on relevant topics from the video. The conversation is geared towards prevention, intervention, choices, and potential consequences of their actions...worst and best possible outcomes.



The *Think Twice* workbook is divided into five sections: choices have consequences, life behind the fence, victims of crime, how I would handle it differently, and change is still possible. Key talking points of the workbook are taken from the video and include:

- Loss of freedom
- Listening to parents/teachers or other positive adult role models
- Compliance with home or school rules
- Never thought I would be caught...be in jail
- Following friends / Being expelled from school
- Going to juvenile court – being in front of a judge
- Being from a single parent home
- Smoking marijuana and using illegal drugs
- Being away from home/Telling family goodbye
- The impact of crime on victims

Change is Possible...

The *Think Twice* initiative has the potential to forever change the way a young person thinks about their life, and the consequences of their actions. It will help them understand that decisions they make today could have a great impact on the rest of their life. But just because a youth has made poor choices in the past, doesn't mean that they can't change now....

...they've only to **Think Twice** before they act.

For more information please contact your local DJJ County Office (full listing on reverse) or:

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For this video or additional DJJ resources please visit our website: <http://www.state.sc.us/djj/>

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