

Grade 9- Safety and Injury Prevention

Unit 3

SOLs:

- 9.2.P Explain Virginia laws and responsibilities associated with weapon and gang involvement.
- 9.3.G Demonstrate healthy decision making strategies related to weapons.

Title: Virginia Laws Related to Gang and Weapons

Objectives/ Goals:

- 1. Students will be able to articulate Virginia laws and responsibilities associated with weapon and gang involvement.
- 2. Students will promote thoughtful and healthy decisions related to weapons.

Materials:

- Internet research
- Powerpoint

Procedure:

- Teacher will introduce students to the Virginia Rules website: including the following pages
 - o http://www.virginiarules.com/students/
 - o http://www.virginiarules.com/juvenile-law-handbook/offenses-weapons
 - o http://www.virginiarules.com/virginia-rules/gangs
- Students will write and submit a paper explaining Virginia laws and responsibilities associated with weapon and gang involvement.
- In small groups, students will prepare and present a 5 minute PSA or skit on healthy decision making strategies in situations that involve weapons.

Assessment Ideas:

Are students able to adequately explain Virginia laws and responsibilities?

• Can students identify and articulate at least one healthy strategy to avoid law breaking and/or injury related to weapons?

References:

- Virginia Rules: Teens Learn and Live the Law
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