

**FACTORS INFLUENCING DRUG ABUSE IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN  
MIGWANI DIVISION, KITUI COUNTY.**

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## Abstract

This study investigated factors influencing drug abuse in secondary schools in Migwani Division. The study was guided by the extent to which peer pressure influences drug abuse among secondary school students, whether family influence on drug abuse contribute significantly to drug abuse among secondary school students, the extent to which stress influences drug abuse among secondary school students, whether desire for performance enhancement lead to drug abuse among secondary school students, and the extent to which easy to access to drugs by secondary school students influences drug abuse. The study was conducted using ex post facto design and data was collected in August and September 2014 using questionnaire and document analysis from 10 principals out of 30 principals, 10 guidance and counseling teachers out of 30 and 50 students from schools in Migwani sub county. Data was analyzed using percentage distribution technique. The study found out that company of drug abuser, interaction with drug abusers, presence of drugs in home and some family members who abuse drugs, those students who start abusing drugs frequently shows signs of stress, students abuse drugs to be high and enhance their performance, many of students who abuse drugs perform their duties extraordinary and student abuse drugs since the can readily access them. The study concludes that peer pressure, family influence, stress, desire for enhanced performance and easy accessibility of drugs contributes significantly in influencing drug abuse among secondary school students. The study recommends the Government to formulate policies to curb drug abuse among youth and incorporate content on Alcohol and Drug abuse in the curriculum, teachers to provide effective guidance and counselling to students and parents to avoid abusing drugs in presence of their children.