

We, the Undersigned, endorse the following petition:

D.A.R.E / Elementary & Middle School Health programs MUST also teach children the dangers of Asphyxia Activity (the Choking Game)

Target: Charlie Parsons, President & CEO, D.A.R.E of America

Sponsor: Kate Blake-Leonardi, The DB Foundation

Every year between 500-1,000 children (typically 9-16 years old) have been found dead or with severe brain damage as a direct result of 'playing' the '**Choking Game**'. Adolescents are attracted to this activity because it is easily concealed and they believe it to be a safe, drug-free high. Thousands of pre-teens and teenagers practice this on a daily basis, taking their life in their own hands every time.

In a 2006 poll of 500 6th-12th graders:

53% of the boys admitted playing "The Choking Game"

Of those who admitted playing:

86% admitted to playing 2x/week

64% admitted to playing alone

More Stats of The Choking Game:

- 75% of children know about the game - these children were NOT aware of any of the risks
- 25% of parents knew about the game and it's risks.
- **87% of fatal cases involved a lone participant**
- **70% of Accidental Asphyxia cases occurred in the child's bedroom**, within the family's own home!
- In **60% of cases, parents or other caregivers were home** at the time.

In these instances the child was **discovered within 1 hour** of the incident. The results were the same - unexpected death.

Results of Parents of Accidental Asphyxia Victims Survey at <http://www.thedbfoundation.com/ChokingGameSurvey.html>

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