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Being Assertive & Using Refusal Strategies

Directions: In a group, review the 2 scenarios and the refusal strategies, role play within your one of the scenarios.

Refusal Strategy	Scenario 1: You're at the mall. You see something you want, but don't have enough money to buy it. Your friends are hatching a plan to shoplift the item.	Scenario 2: Your one year anniversary is coming up and your partner is already dropping hints that they expect something special to happen.
State your feelings and opinions directly	Getting caught isn't worth it.	You mean a lot to me, but I'm not ready for that step yet.
Just say no	No thanks, I just don't want to.	I said no, and I mean it.
Blame someone or something else	My parents would freak out if they found out.	That goes against my personal values.
Redirect	I'm starving! Does anyone else want pizza?	I can't wait for you to see the present I got for you!
Show concern	It would break me if anything happen to any of you!	I really want our relationship to last a long time.
Take action	I gotta get home. I forgot I have to watch my little brother for my parents.	I'm going to go now.