**Unit 1 Title:** Personal Safety Skills and Coping Strategies

**Lesson Title:** Safe and Healthy Life Choices (Part II)  
**Lesson #** 2 of 5 (This lesson is a continuation of 9th Grade Lesson 1)

**Grade Level:** 9

**Length of Lesson:** 45-50 minutes

**Missouri Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Big Idea:**
PS.3: Applying Personal Safety Skills and Coping Strategies

**Grade Level Expectations (GLEs):**
PS.3.A.09: Identify problem-solving, decision-making, and refusal skills needed to make safe and healthy life choices.
PS.3.B.09: Identify and utilize resources available to address personal safety issues.
PS.3.C.09: Identify resources that can help manage life changes or events.

**American School Counselor Association (ASCA) National Standards:**
Personal Social Development
C. Students will understand safety and survival skills

**Materials (include activity sheets and/or supporting resources)**
- Video or Speaker about healthy choices
- Presentation Review Assessment worksheet

**Show Me Standards: Performance Goals (check one or more that apply)**
- X Goal 1: Gather, analyze and apply information and ideas
- X Goal 2: Communicate effectively within and beyond the classroom
- X Goal 3: Recognize and solve problems
- X Goal 4: Make decisions and act as responsible members of society

**This lesson supports the development of skills in the following academic content areas.**

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<th>Specific Skill(s)</th>
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<td>Communication Arts</td>
<td>6. Participating in formal and informal presentations and discussions of issues and ideas.</td>
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<td>Social Studies</td>
<td>6. Relationships of the individual and groups to institutions and cultural traditions</td>
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<td>Health/Physical Education</td>
<td>5. Methods used to assess health, reduce risk factors, and avoid high risk behaviors (such as violence, tobacco, alcohol and other drug use)</td>
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<td>7. Responses to emergency situations.</td>
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**Enduring Life Skill(s)**

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**Lesson Measurable Learning Objectives:**

The student will view and evaluate a presentation on healthy choices and write three related questions or thoughts he/she would like to further explore.

**Lesson Formative Assessment (acceptable evidence):**

Formative assessment relates to the summative assessment for unit (performance outcome for goals, objectives and GLEs). Assessment can be question answer, performance activity, etc.

Students utilize, evaluate, review, and refine decision-making skills regarding dangerous risk-taking behaviors; address personal/safety issues; and address management of life-changing events through viewing presentations, discussions, and written assessment.

**Lesson Preparation**

**Essential Questions:**
- How do safe and healthy life choices affect our lives?
- How is the knowledge of available resources used to manage life-changing events?

**Engagement (Hook):**
- You have just taken a sip of your father’s cocktail. Are you at risk?
- A friend wants you to “try” marijuana with him. Are you at risk?

**Procedures**

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<td>1. The counselor introduces presenter or video.</td>
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<td>2. Presenter informs students about the topic, or video is shown.</td>
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<td>3. Counselor will facilitate follow-up discussion.</td>
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<td>4. Counselor will distribute worksheets.</td>
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**Teacher Follow-Up Activities**

Teacher will inform counselor if student appears to be in need of assistance through appropriate resources.

**Counselor reflection notes (completed after the lesson)**

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