

TRANSCRIPT: Jade and danger

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I often do things without thinking, like, one of my mottoes used to be, 'First I do something, then I'll think about whether it was a good idea, or not'.

I don't think about how safe something is before I do it. For instance, if we're going out walking, I don't stop to look if there's cars coming, I just cross the road. I used to do that a lot. I don't do it so much now but I will, occasionally, just walk out.

At one point I did jump out my bedroom window, thinking I was going to Australia. I was going to stow away on a ship or something, you know. I went to our neighbour's house 'cause in the daytime we was talking about, 'Let's go to Australia', and he said, 'Are you gonna come and get me in the night?' and I said, 'Yeah', and he goes, 'What would you do if you forget?' and I said, 'I'll kill myself', which was a bit weird, because, you know, when you're little you say that sort of thing but I actually thought what we was talking about was meant and I actually did it.

When I jumped out the window it was a funny story because I didn't think about, 'I might hurt myself'. I thought about, 'Should I be doing this?' but I still went along with it anyway and then when I was actually hanging out the window, the first thing I said was, 'I can fly!' and I just let go.

And then I was knocking for a long time and then, because it was the middle of the night, his mum and dad woke up and they was like, 'What are you doing here?' and I was like, 'Oh yeah, I've come to take so-and-so to Australia', and they were like, 'You weren't being serious were you?' and they brought me home.