



# Enhancing the News

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## **Alcohol, violence, crime and devastation**

Drunken brawls, violent assaults and glassings, in which alcohol has been identified as a contributing factor, have become a common weekend occurrence.

Worrying levels of binge drinking and anti-social behaviour are leading to an increased incidence of unnecessary injury, hospitalisations and even death.

The destructive impact of alcohol in the Northern Territory has led the Federal Government to limit its availability and police in other Australian states have announced new, stricter measures to tackle alcohol-fuelled violence and crime.

Help educate students about the dangers of excessive alcohol consumption and acting responsibly when out drinking. The free feature article, [Alcohol: a killer in our midst](#), presents a detailed report on alcohol use and "alcoholism". [Behind the News](#) highlights the health problems that alcohol can cause and explains how drinking damages lives. [Body Hits: On the Lash](#) reveals some fascinating insights into booze and the physical and psychological effects that it has on the human body. [Quantum: What's Your Poison – Alcohol](#) asks where does alcohol come from? What happens to it in our bodies? Where does it go? What effect does it have?

[Catalyst](#) contains a story on teenage alcohol use, and [Insight: Under the Influence](#) examines Australia's binge drinking culture and brings together a range of guests whose lives have been affected by alcohol. [Difference of Opinion: Alcohol – Our Favourite Drug](#) debates the pleasure and pain of alcohol and asks do we need to create a safer, less damaging drinking culture?

[Australian Story: Collision Course](#) conveys the disastrous consequences drinking and driving can have on victims and their families. [Four Corners: When Kids Get Life](#) provides a powerful portrait of the dreadful impact of violent crime but asks if justice can get confused with vengeance.

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