

# **Nightlife, festivals and other recreational settings: Policy and practice briefings**

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## **Abstract**

Drug and alcohol use in nightlife settings, such as bars, nightclubs and other recreational venues, is linked to health and social problems, including acute health harms, aggressive behaviour and violence, and driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs. There are also longer-term health effects and addiction. Adverse social consequences may include drug dealing and public nuisance. Because many of these harms are associated with excessive use on a particular occasion, many responses aim to reduce the amounts of alcohol and drugs that are used.

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