

Title:	A new report on cigarette, alcohol and illicit drug use in Australia has been released
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Summary:	The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has just released a report showing overall use of illicit drugs and alcohol among the Australian population.

KEY WORDS

Below is a list of words which appear in the report - which ones don't you know or you are unsure what they mean?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> inclined (adj) | <input type="checkbox"/> health perspective (n) | <input type="checkbox"/> indicate (v) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> take up a habit (v) | <input type="checkbox"/> pinpoint (v) | <input type="checkbox"/> misuse (n) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> illicit (adj) | <input type="checkbox"/> initiative (n) | <input type="checkbox"/> convert (v) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> conduct a survey (v) | <input type="checkbox"/> instance (n) | <input type="checkbox"/> prescription (n) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> downward trend (n) | <input type="checkbox"/> verbal abuse (adj) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable drop (adj) | <input type="checkbox"/> adverse effect (adj) | |

DEFINITION MATCH

Can you match the words with their correct definition?

a point of view, way of regarding something	
adopt, begin	
bad, unfavourable, harmful	
do, perform, carry out	
example, occurrence, case	
find out with certainty, identify	
general tendency, movement or direction	
medicine or drug that a doctor officially instructs someone to use	
moderate, fairly good	
plan or program designed to solve a problem	
show that something is true, state briefly	
spoken rather than written	
to change something into a different form or so that it can be used in a different way	
unlawful, illegal	
use wrongly	
wanting or likely to do something	

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initiative (n)
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verbal abuse (adj)
adverse effect (n)
indicate (v)
misuse (n)
convert (v)
prescription (n)

FOCUS QUESTIONS

- What are some strategies governments rely on to reduce the number of people who smoke? Do you think it is important to have such strategies in place?
- What is binge drinking? Why is it risky, especially for young people?
- What is a 'hard drug'? Why do people take them?
- What are 'legal' drugs? How are legal drugs misused?

PRE-LISTENING

The report compares figures from 2010 with 2013. Before you listen, try to match the facts statement with the correct figure

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- Proportion of Australians in 2013 who smoked every day - _____
- Proportion of young Australians in 2013 who didn't take their first drink of alcohol until they were 18 years old - _____
- Proportion of Australians who have experienced an incident, such as verbal abuse or physical violence, relating to alcohol in the last 12 months - _____
- Proportion of Australians who say they haven't ever used illicit drugs - _____
- Proportion of Australians who say they have used illicit drugs in the last 12 months - _____

LISTENING

Listen to the report and check your answers

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

After listening to the report, circle the correct part of the statement

1. The number of Australians who smoke every day has ... **fallen.** / **increased.**
2. The average number of cigarettes consumed by smokers each week has ...
decreased. / **increased.**
3. **A smaller number** / **A greater number** ... of young people are drinking alcohol.
4. **A smaller number** / **A greater number** ... of young people are binge drinking.
5. **A smaller number** / **A greater number** ... of people have experienced an incident, such as verbal abuse or physical violence, relating to alcohol in the last 12 months.
6. **A smaller number** / **A greater number** ... of people are misusing legal drugs.
7. Some legal drugs people are misusing more are ... **pain killers.** / **sleeping pills.**
8. There was a large rise in people using the illicit drug ... **heroin.** / **ice.**

CLOZE

Use the words to complete the sentences – you may have to change the form of the word

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- Although there was no formal contract, the two businesses had a agreement to not compete against each other and to only sell their products within a defined area.
- Drug is when a person regularly takes one or more drugs to change their mood, emotion or state of consciousness. This can result in that person developing a drug addiction.
- Health experts say there has been a rising in the number of young people binge drinking and governments need to do more to tackle the problem.
- Heavy alcohol consumption can have a number of consequences including medical problems, unintentional injuries and violence.
- Police say they were unable to the exact reason why the number of alcohol related offences in the city had risen over the last 12 months. But they say increased penalties for drinking in public and earlier closing times for bars and nightclubs were having a positive effect.
- The body treats alcohol as fat, alcohol sugars into fatty acids.
- The government announced a number of new to tackle the problem of alcohol and drug use among youths. This would include making prevention programs and counselling more widely available in doctor's offices, schools, or in other places that young people gather.
- The patient received a from her doctor to treat her illness and was told to come back in a few days if her health didn't improve.
- The school principal said she had heard of many of children being able to buy cigarettes from local shops. She said there needed to be tougher laws for selling cigarettes to people under the age of 18.
- The scientist had spent more than 2 decades research into the link between passive smoking and lung cancer.
- The use of drugs in sport is particularly disappointing because so many young people look up to athletes as role models.
- These days many teenagers are more to stay inside and spend their time on electronic gadgets than do outdoor activities.
- To improve her fitness and lose weight, the woman decided to running.
- When questioned by his teacher, the boy to her that some of his friends had tried smoking.
- While efficient public transport systems cost governments a lot of money to build and maintain, from an environmental they provide a lot of value to society.
- While studies show the number of young people taking up smoking hadn't changed much in recent years, health experts say the steep rise in cigarette prices and other initiatives had been successful in encouraging smokers to give up.

ANSWERS

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