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Best practice harm minimisation measures:

1. It could be because they don't know how to express themselves, and alcohol works as a comfort to people in emotional stress, however alcohol takes over your common sense and the choices people make usually aren't wise ones. 2. Avoid alcohol altogether, or if you choose to drink, avoid the ones you know you aren't friendly with, I have a number of friends who don't work well with certain types of alcohol but they're perfectly fine when they drink something else. Other measures are the ones applied by government, for example the violence and alcohol campaigns, the advertisements for standard drinks, and the laws applied on alcohol service people regarding responsible service, "its ok to say no" advertisements 3. All of the above are fairly effective. I've actually seen a reduction in the amount of violence out in clubs over the last few years, QLD is doing very well, most of the violence seen from alcohol etc. is out in the clubs in Victoria & NSW. 4. I don't think the price rise in alcohol is working very well. It's causing those who usually drink certain types of alcohol to resolve to illicit drugs as they are more affordable. however, it has reduced violence, so in that sense it is actually working.

The impact of late opening hours:

5. Late opening hours? where? most people drink at pubs first because its cheaper anyway, then head out to the clubs after 10pm. 6. I haven't seen any change, however if the clubs were to remain open til 3am there would probably be more fights 7. I don't know of any that apply, but im sure there are some 8. None

Flow-on issues for emergency service workers, police, and frontline health workers:

Not applicable

Education campaigns and their role in cultivating effective social change in terms of community attitudes to alcohol consumption:

11. Make people more aware of of their choices, measurements, & help available, etc. 12. "It's ok to say no", "one punch could kill", alcohol & violence campaigns 13. I've seen a bit of an improvement, and personally, "its ok to say no" has worked on me 14. try to market to the younger generation, kids are starting to drink (binge drink) as young as thirteen these days and there is only so much parents can do, I think teenagers need to be more aware of their choices, consequences & they need to be influenced to make the right choices not just marketed to.

The role of parents in influencing attitudes towards alcohol consumption:

15. They definately need to set the right examples, there are fairly good campaigns out there, but are they working? I wouldn't know because Im not a parent, but I have noticed that people that choose to be parents sacrifice their drinking, young parents don't. I think maybe there needs to be a bit of campaign work going on for young pregnancies, not just for teenagers, but these days, even the 20's are fairly young. 16. Maybe compulsory parenting classes?

The economic cost of alcoholrelated violence:

17. ? 18. ?