

ABOUT US

WCTU - Woman's Christian Temperance Union - In Australia since 1882.

WCTU represents the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, a world-wide, Christian non-denominational organisation promoting a drug-free lifestyle and Christian values in the home and community.

It is believed to be the oldest continuing non-sectarian woman's organisation in the world.

OUR MOTTO

For God, Home and Humanity.



THE STATISTICS

How much alcohol related domestic violence is in Australia?

The 2022-2023 National Drug Strategy Household Survey showed that 21% of respondents aged 14 and over (an estimated 4.6 million people) had been verbally or physically abused, or put in fear by someone under the influence of alcohol in the previous 12 months.

HOW DOES ALCOHOL DRINKING AFFECT THE FAMILY?

Alcoholism in Families: Neglect and Financial Problems.

Physical and emotional neglect, as well as financial issues, are the two most common problems an alcoholic bestows on their loved ones. Neglect can take many forms, from not carrying out parental duties to growing distant from a partner.

HOW PARENTS' DRINKING CAN AFFECT THEIR CHILDREN

While under the influence of alcohol, parents may not understand the impact their behaviour has on their children. It's harmful for children when one or both parents at home use alcohol. Children can suffer because:

- Physical neglect e.g. lack of nutritious meals, poor hygiene, suitable bedtime
- Emotional and/or physical abuse
- Strained relationships at home which may cause them to feel unsafe
- Taking on caring roles e.g. looking after younger brothers and sisters
- Impact on their schooling caused by absenteeism and lack of supervision of homework
- Isolation caused by shame because they're not comfortable inviting friends home



OUR CHILDREN

DRUG FREE KIDS

By informing kids of the dangers and disadvantages of drugs, both legal and illegal, they will be able to make wise choices as they grow. Drugs alter the way your body and mind operates.

DRUG FREE YOUTH

The adolescent brain is actively and rapidly developing until about age 25, making it particularly vulnerable to the effects of substance use. WCTU provides information for youth.



ALCOHOL EFFECTS ON SPOUSE/PARTNERS

The drinker is usually torn between wanting alcohol and not wanting the harm that always seems to follow. They often blame others when they drink too much.

The spouse or partner is often fearful and feels hurt, shame and a sense of failure. Many spouses try to hide the drinker's problem-drinking by taking on extra responsibilities.

If you're a spouse or partner in this situation, it is important to take some time for yourself and get support such as counselling.

ALCOHOL AND DOMESTIC ABUSE

Alcohol consumption is more closely associated with violent behavior than any other substance. In fact, severe alcohol

intoxication by the perpetrator, victim, or both plays a part in nearly half of all violent crimes and sexual assaults.

Alcoholism can significantly affect your relationship, causing emotional and mental exhaustion. You may feel helpless, frustrated, and overwhelmed, wondering how to cope with the situation and support your spouse while also caring for yourself.

Never stay in a situation if it's unsafe. **Seek help, email us: reachoutwctu@gmail.com**



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Join our mission to **STOP the use of DRUGS** Australia-wide.

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RESOURCES

WCTU provides information and helps honest seekers - to find ways to curb the spread of the **SAD** poisons (**smoking, alcohol, drugs**).



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