



Substance Use & Abuse in Youth and the Intersections of **Violence**

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Youth, Alcohol & Dating Violence

- ▶ Underage youth who drink are more likely to carry out or be the victim of a physical or sexual assault after drinking than others their age who do not drink.
- ▶ Evidence suggests that alcohol use increases the chance and gravity of domestic violence, showing a direct correlation between the two.
- ▶ Because alcohol use affects cognitive and physical function, it reduces a person's self-control and lessens their ability to negotiate a non-violent resolution to conflicts.
- ▶ Alcohol played a role in 55% of domestic violence cases among these victims.
- ▶ Another study published by the Institute of Alcohol Studies (IAS) showed that victims of domestic abuse were twice as likely to consume alcohol than their partner who perpetuated the abuse.

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