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Alcohol abuse is becoming more and more common in many countries. What are some of the problems associated with alcohol abuse, and what are some of the possible solutions?

## My Response:

Alcohol abuse is a common phenomenon in several countries in today's world. The abuse of hard drinks is known to be the root cause of several problems that affects a wide range of people. To combat alcohol abuse several solutions can be implemented to reduce the increasing abuse of alcoholic drinks. This essay discusses the issues alcohol abuse casues and the ways to deal with them.

Alcohol abuse can cause problems with a wide ranging effect, not only limited to the individual, but also to their families and the wider community at large. Excessive drinking has been scientifically proven to be the root cause of medical illness, including in some cases fatal illnesses, such as liver damage. An alcoholic can also disrupt the lives of their family by acting violently when drunk and sacrificing valuable resources, such as time and money, to fund their addiction. Crime is another issue, with a lot of media reports asserting the criminal behaviour of people who have lost their inhibitions under the influence of drink.

To combat this trend of increasing alcohol abuse, several solutions can be implemented, primarily by governments, to reduce the associated effects and problems we discussed. A key solution would be is to regulate the alcohol industry by introducing rules on when, where, and to whom alcohol can be sold. For example, only allowing mature people to purchase alcohol, reducing the total amount of alcohol one can purchase at any given time, and limiting the opening hours of pubs and bars, which is a common environment for people to fuel their drinking addictions. This solution can have a wide ranging effect as it manifests itself across several key problem areas that promote alcohol abuse. Another solution would be to promote and allow funding for help-support groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous, which uses the power of emotions, communications and socialising which can further help people to overcome issues with through help and support.

In conclusion, although alcohol abuse can be a devastating disease that seems to be gaining traction, there are possible solutions that can be implemented to overcome this disease. In my opinion, for these solutions to work, concerned governments would need to develop and implement a strong framework to reduce or overcome the problems that are caused due to alcohol abuse.

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