

**DEVIANT BEHAVIOURS OF ADOLESCENT STUDENTS WHO ABUSE ALCOHOL
IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN VHEMBE DISTRICT**

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ABSTRACT

Deviant behaviours of adolescent students who abuse alcohol appear to be increasing dramatically. However, little is known concerning deviant behaviours of adolescent students who abuse alcohol in the Vhembe District of Limpopo Province. This cross-sectional study examines the deviant behaviours of adolescents abusing alcohol in secondary schools around Vhembe District of Limpopo Province in South Africa. This study investigates the characteristics of deviant behaviours of adolescent students who abuse alcohol and the effects of alcohol misuse among adolescent students in Vhembe District. A sample of 150 learners was selected from ten secondary schools in the district. The learners at this level were required to describe any action related to alcohol use and abuse. A quantitative design was used for the study. A self-administered questionnaire was used to collect data from the respondents. I personally administered the questionnaire to the selected learners the data was analyzed using the Statistical Package for Social Science (SPSS) focusing mainly on the descriptive statistics of frequencies means and standard deviations. The results from the studies reflect that it is true that students in secondary schools show some characteristics and effects of alcohol abuse in their behaviour. I recommend that future studies should focus on the causes and prevention of alcohol abuse among adolescent students who abuse alcohol in secondary schools around Vhembe District of Limpopo Province.

Key words: Deviant behavior, adolescent, alcohol abuse, binge, alcoholic characteristics and effects.