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Survey shows ignorance of drinking guidelines

ELEANOR HALL: The Salvation Army is calling on the Federal Government to do more to publicise the country's alcohol guidelines as it raises the alarm about the level of drinking by children.

It's been six months since Australia's official definition of harmful drinking was tightened but research commissioned by the charity shows the message isn't sinking in.

Simon Lauder has our report.

Listen to the recording and answer the following questions:

1. Why do traditionally many parents allow a child a sip of beer or wine?
2. Why did John Eyre of Alcohol Related Brain Injury Australian Services stop drinking any kind of alcohol in front of his children?
3. How many people were surveyed by the Salvation Army on their drinking habits? How old were those surveyed?
4. According to the survey, how many Australians had their first drink when they were 10 years old or younger?
5. According to the new guidelines on drinking from the National Health and Medical Research Council, under which age should people be not drinking?
6. According to John Eyre, is there any evidence that a sip of alcohol may cause damage in children?
7. What is the real problem with 'one sip'?
8. How many respondents follow the new guidelines?
9. What has the Federal Government done so far to promote the new guidelines?
10. What is the purpose of the ad campaign by Drink Wise? Where does the funding for this campaign come from?



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