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Boozing is a popular pastime for many South Africans. But alcohol abuse drives many of our social ills. Over 50% of road accidents are alcohol related. Much family violence stems from heavy drinking and a frightening number of youngsters end up in rehab trying to kick their drinking habit.

But all this is set to change if the Department of Social Development has its way. At a recent conference on substance abuse in Durban, the department put forward 35 proposals to curb the consumption of alcohol. They plan among other measures, to ban the advertising of alcohol, to raise the legal drinking age to 21, to stop liquor brands sponsoring sporting events or teams, to reduce the legal alcohol limit for drivers.

This week 3rd Degree looks at what these proposals mean for a country where so many are attracted to the life of the perpetual party.

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