

Dear all,

Call for papers for special section of *Drug and Alcohol Review* – Drinking in the home: New perspectives on everyday practices

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Drinking at home is widespread in many countries. In Australia, 63% of all alcohol is consumed in the drinker's own home [1]. This matters, because the majority of the harms from alcohol are those that occur in the long term such as cancer and liver disease [2] – these harms are linked to total alcohol consumption, much of which occurs in the home.

Despite this, research, policy and media tend to focus on alcohol consumption in public places and the short-term harms that ensue (e.g. public violence, traffic accidents [3]). This blind spot influences how drinkers view their own risk of harm – home drinkers believe harmful drinking is what young people do in licensed premises and that their drinking at home is 'safe' even when their consumption levels place them at clear risk of harm [4].

Some policy settings appear to encourage home drinking. Alcohol consumed at home is cheaper than in licensed venues [5] and can be delivered to your door within an hour or two of ordering [6]. Alcohol industry bodies predict an increase in home drinking, cheaper alcohol and more home delivery in post-COVID Australia [7]. Indeed, online purchases of alcohol more than tripled from 2019 to 2020 (3.5% to 11.3%) [8]. Drinking in the home was already a neglected policy space, but the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the urgent need to shift focus to drinking in the home in order to reduce significant long term alcohol-related harms [9].

This Special Section will bring together research that shines a light on drinking in the home. We encourage qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods submissions on topics including (but not limited to):

- patterns and prevalence of home drinking and associated harms;
- contextual factors influencing home drinking;
- the nature and/or meanings of drinking occasions and practices in the home;
- effects of drinking on domestic relationships (including on children);
- home delivery of alcohol; and
- policy, regulation and interventions to reduce home alcohol consumption and harms.

If you are interested in submitting a paper for this issue, or have any queries, please contact the [Editorial Office](#) by the end of January 2022.

Papers must follow the [author guidelines](#) and word limits. Please note that all papers will need to be entered on [Manuscript Central](#) and will be subject to peer review by at least two independent reviewers. When submitting, authors should choose 'Special Section' as the manuscript type and note in the cover letter which special section the paper is intended for.

Authors are asked to submit their papers by the end of May 2022.

Kind regards,

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