

Participant Information Sheet

Dear student,

My name is Tristan Jagathee from University of KwaZulu-Natal (School of Applied Human Sciences, 221095328@stu.ukzn.ac.za).

You are being invited to participate in a study that seeks to understand views of alcohol use and abuse. The aim and purpose of this research is to investigate the perceptions of UKZN students on alcohol use and abuse, focusing on knowledge and attitudes. You will be required to sit in a once-off one-on-one interview with the researcher. The interview is set to take approximately between 30 to 60 minutes if you wish to participate. The study is not funded by any organisation or institution, including the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

Criteria for participation are as follows:

- Anyone above the age of 18.
- Currently a student in their third year of study at UKZN.
- Enrolled at the UKZN Pietermaritzburg campus.

There are not any expected risks for being in the study, but should you feel that you are experiencing discomfort, you are allowed to leave the study without facing any consequences and counselling will be made available to you at the Child and Family Centre. My hope is that the study will be beneficial in understanding the views of students in the University of KwaZulu-Natal and providing valuable insight that will add to the body of knowledge on alcohol use.

This study has been exempted from ethical review (Application number: 00026500).

In the event of any problems or concerns/questions, you may contact me at 221095328@stu.ukzn.ac.za, Ms. Zamalotshwa Winlove Mncube at mncubez@ukzn.ac.za, or the UKZN Humanities & Social Sciences Research Ethics Committee at the following contact details:

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Participation in this research is voluntary, which means that you have the right to leave at any point in the duration of the study. There will be no consequences for doing so. There are no incentives nor personal costs to participating in the study. For the sake of analysis, the interviews will be audio-recorded. If you do not wish to be recorded, please indicate so and you will not have to take part in the interview.

Any identifiable information such as your name and age will be handled with utmost care and confidentiality. Nothing that is traceable to you will be included in the final results. The researcher will assign codes in the reporting of the results, e.g. P1, P2. Only the researcher and the supervisor will have access to the data, which will be stored in a password-protected drive and laptop. As per university regulations, the data will be stored for a minimum of five years before it will be permanently destroyed.
