Post-Disaster Health Care

Avoid consuming too much alcohol.



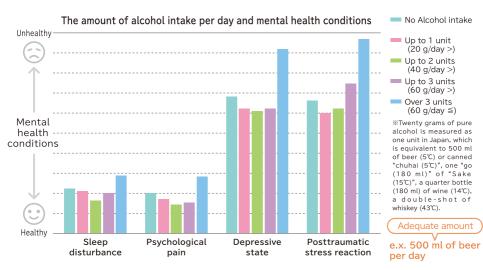
Survey findings

Heavy drinking contributed to emotional instability.

Recommendation

Cut down on alcohol to a moderate amount.

A moderate amount of alcohol is no more than 20 g of pure alcohol a day on average. This is equivalent to a medium-sized bottle or a 500-ml can of beer with an alcohol content of 5%, a 350-ml can of 7% "chuhai (shōchū highball)", a little less than 1 "go" (180 ml) of 15% sake, or a glass and a half (200 ml) of 12% wine. A daily intake that exceeds three times this amount is referred to as heavy drinking, and temperance is recommended for healthier living. The disaster-affected residents who drank heavily were found to be more prone to develop difficulty in sleep, psychological distress, depressive states, and post-traumatic stress reactions. Heavy drinking has adverse effects on your sleep and mental health. If you are a heavy drinker, seek professional help to cut down the amount of your alcohol intake.



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