Drug Rehab Discusses Synthetic Alcohol And Implications For Alcoholics



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LONDON, ENGLAND-- In London, England, ex-drug tsar David Nutt and other drug experts have created a synthetic alcohol that gives drinkers a buzz without the hangover. And perhaps an even better bonus, no matter

how many drinks a person consumes, they only become mildly drunk.

The team has developed the colorless, tasteless drink usina chemicals related to the sedative Valium. It works on the nerves in a similar way to alcohol, causing the user to be relaxed with feelings of well-being. Their hopes are that it will eventually replace the alcohol content in beer, wine and liquor and



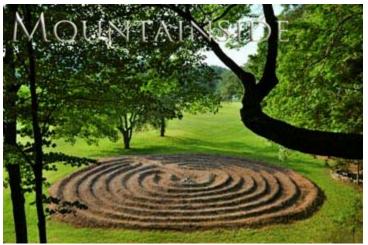
that it will significantly reduce binge drinking as well as reduce the number of deaths from alcohol poisoning.

While some may herald this as a true scientific breakthrough, professionals at Mountainside <u>Drug Rehab</u> and Alcohol Treatment Center aren't as optimistic. "For a person struggling with an alcohol or other drug addiction, this could actually be the catalyst that starts a long cycle of binge drinking. For the alcoholic, there is no middle ground. A common expression among recovering alcoholics is 'one drink is too many and a hundred's not enough'-and that really is true for an alcoholic. The feeling of 'the buzz' only prompts

the alcoholic into drinking more in an attempt to increase the effects of the alcohol. They are continually chasing that elusive temporary feeling of escape that alcohol brings. When an alcoholic can't achieve the results that he/she seeks, often times they move on to something more potent that will give him or her the desired feeling they are chasing. We strongly believe that's a dangerous road for an alcoholic or any drug dependent person to start down."

The drink created by a group at Imperial College in London is still required to go through British government approval as it's technically classified as a drug. That process could take years and as such, the unnamed drink may

never be brought to market.



Mountainside Drug Rehab and Alcohol Treatment Center is a comprehensive and innovative provider of treatment for individuals suffering from drua addiction and alcoholism.

Mountainside's licensed and certified counselors, social workers and clinical treatment team and staff

are dedicated to providing an unsurpassed treatment experience to its clients. With diverse areas of expertise, the treatment team works collaboratively with each client and their family to ensure that an individualized treatment plan is designed that will treat not just the symptoms, but the whole individual. With professionalism and compassion, each client is guided through every stage of recovery and encouraged to participate in a wide variety of evidence-based and cutting edge innovative treatment options.

In addition to its licensed and credentialed counselors, social workers and clinical staff, Mountainside's medical services include our Advanced Nurse Practitioner and Registered Nurse with specialization in alcoholism and <u>drug addiction treatment</u>. Psychiatric services are available when needed.

If you or someone you love is in need of treatment or if you have questions please contact us at: 800-762-5433

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