

HOMELESSNESS AND ALCOHOL ABUSE¹

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ABSTRACT – The qualitative study was devoted to analyse the links between homelessness and alcohol abuse. With in -depth interviews were covered 36 homelessness men residing in Warsaw’s shelters and underground warm channels. The process of slipping down to homelessness was caused by such factors as broken links with relatives, and/or imprisoning, and/or far away from home work, and/or upbringing in care home for adolescents, and in all cases by destructive style of drinking. Continuation of alcohol abuse was that crucial factor, among others, petrifying the state of homelessness.

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