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What is South Africa doing to deal with nyaope addiction?

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“Nyaope” or “sugars” or “whoonga” is a dangerous drug which is very addictive, and recovering from using it can be a very hard thing to do.

This is why the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development has said that using or even selling the drug is now a crime.

For more than two years, nyaope has been considered an illegal drug under the Drugs and Trafficking Act. If you are found selling nyaope you could face up to 25 years in prison and those found using the drug face up to 15 years in jail.

The Department of Justice would like your support, by reporting anyone you may suspect of using nyaope. This will help to decrease and remove nyaope from your communities, where you may have seen it hurt your friends or family.

If you would like to help someone using nyaope, contact **Operation Thiba Nyaope** by calling **078 405 4353/ 072 332 4937** or contact **SANCA** on **086 14 72622**. Operation Thiba Nyaope is an organisation that assists with educating communities about drugs. They also give counselling and offer rehabilitation to those affected by nyaope.

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