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## 29 sent to hospital from Avicii concert in Toronto

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Swedish DJ, remixer and record producer Avicii staged a concert at the Rogers Centre on Saturday night. At least 29 people ended up in hospital, most from illness due to alcohol consumption, Toronto EMS said.

By: Kim Brown Staff Reporter, Published on Sun May 18 2014

The Avicii concert kept Toronto EMS scrambling Saturday night, with at least 29 people ending up in hospital to be treated for illnesses related to alcohol or drugs.

That number is unusually high, said duty officer George Eliadis. It's not typical for that many people to require hospitalization at that kind of concert.

Rogers Centre had its own medics on site, but staff reportedly became overwhelmed by the number of patrons requiring medical assistance and EMS had to be called.

According to media reports, one person was arrested and at least one other was treated for drug use, but the vast majority became ill to varying degrees as a result of alcohol consumption.

Paramedics said patrons were getting sick before Avicii made it on stage.

The sold-out electronic dance concert welcomed fans of all ages. Approximately 20,000 people piled into the Rogers Centre to see the Swedish DJ.

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high-res

A Sweden DJ can get an audience of 20,000 at the Rogers Centre?

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Morty

I would not want to be the Roger Centre staffer answering the call from the LLBO on Tuesday morning...

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well read 2

It's like all the people making comments haven't been in a nightclub in 20 years.

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@well read 2 Well, I'm close to being 40, so no. I've been clubbing in about 9 years. There's a difference between a rave and a club.

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@JoeyDavid.com typo..I've not been clubbing..

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Interesting, raves happen all the time and you never hear this.

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Super-Logical

Drugs! No different then Woodstock except the music. In 200 years from now I can bet if the world remains how it is today, which I doubt either way the young under 35 will find a way

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pipboy

I say we forgive all these people for their misfortunes here, they seem to have just done this in one of their drunken stupors.

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# 29 taken to hospital from Avicii concert at Rogers Centre

BY KEVIN CONNOR, TORONTO SUN

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Avicii performs at the MLB Fan Cave on October 1, 2013 in New York City. (Mike Lawrie/Getty Images/AFP)

TORONTO - Some concert-goers took the party too far Saturday night at the Rogers Centre.

Paramedics transported 29 people to hospital from a sold-out concert by Swedish DJ Avicii.

Most became sick by consuming too much alcohol or drugs before the concert, officials said.

"We had a variety of illnesses. This is unusual and we shouldn't be transporting that many away from a site," said EMS deputy commander George Eliadis said Sunday.

The sick are expected to recover.

Toronto Police say charges — such as

public intoxication — may be laid.

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I went to this event and I can honestly say this night was one of the most shocking nights I've ever had, a little traumatic even. I am of age and I go to a lot of events and raves like this. I've always known about the use of drugs at them, and figured since there were going to be people of all ages I didn't expect to see most people on drugs. I don't know if I was imagining this all but it seemed that most of the underage people there were not drinking...they were clearly on drugs. Some of them looked to be as young as 15. I saw girls that young tripping out and puking all over the place. Security also didn't even look in my purse when I was going in and I saw people buying drugs everywhere I looked. The whole situation really bothered me and I am deeply disturbed. I would never go to an all ages rave again because seeing that many kids running around sweating and being unable to control themselves really scared me. I was incredibly uncomfortable with it the whole time.

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- Avatar NotFitForTheInternet** → SN 4 days ago

Sounds like fun. Go out listen to some music, and spend the night wondering if some kids going to die.

You should ask for your money back, this story has brought enough attention to the fact that it was not a safe environment, you may just succeed.

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Thinning of the herd

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The majority of those who were intoxicated looked underage. People were drinking and consuming drugs in line and in plain sight while waiting to enter the centre. Security did a very poor job at the doors, as most were let in without being searched. I could've walked right in with a 26er and I should've considering they cut off alcohol services at 10pm. I watched many servers selling alcohol to those with ID's but watched as many of those with IDs hand alcohol off to their friends without ID's right in front of the servers. Poor management all around, made it disappointing for those wanting to enjoy the show and consume alcohol responsibly.

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- Avatar J.** → AdenOliver 4 days ago

What are servers to do, run after people giving the beers? Leave the stash of liquor they are responsible for and would be under investigation if it was stolen?

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- Avatar arketlat** 4 days ago

Funny how you don't mention that most of them were underage.

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Were you there? Tell us more.....or are you just being presumtuous?

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Social media, people on twitter mostly.

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Got it.....so the twitter feeders were checking ID's at the ambulance's door. Now that we've learned of this very reliable source, it is indeed difficult to understand why the Sun would fail to mention this, isn't it?

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- Avatar arketlat** → spotwalks 4 days ago

Go read the article on it at CTV. Plenty of mention of underage concertgoers with mammo being angry about the event being all-ages and parents being irresponsible.

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- Avatar J.** → arketlat 4 days ago

Yes, because kids throughout the ages didnt sneak out to go to parties and consume too much alcohol or drugs.

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- Avatar Michael Rice** → arketlat 4 days ago

And very public CRACK use. Way more than enough probable cause to have executed a search warrant on his office, home, vehicles, family business, brother Doug and Sister what's her name's addresses looking for Narcotics.

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- Avatar opinionemitter** → arketlat 4 days ago

And how is it that you know this?

Too much alcohol or drugs can only mean you're underage?

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Because it was all over twitter and other social media sources.

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- Avatar George Von Hindenburg** → arketlat 3 days ago

Ben have you still got Robs picture on your bedroom ceiling?

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- Avatar Robid Henster** 4 days ago

This is why they banned these events from city property. Counsel just moved to re-instate them. Good luck.

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- Avatar opinionemitter** 4 days ago

Charges should be laid for everyone of those idiots that ended up being transported to the hospital.

You don't need to get drunk or high to have a good time. If you want to act like an idiot, stay home and do it there.

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- Avatar George Von Hindenburg** → Ben Henster 3 days ago

Ben who did you use on your posters before Rob came along

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- Avatar Bene Guy** 4 days ago

You would have to be drunk and/or stoned to listen to whatever this person is doing.

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Swedish DJ? You sure it wasn't the CHEF that made them all sick?

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You do realize it was just as bad in any other period but we didnt have media everywhere reporting it?

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- Avatar George Von Hindenburg** → Michael Rice 3 days ago

We practiced more I think and also used our heads a bit which doesn't happen much now.

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- Avatar John T** 4 days ago

No pay duty cops actually working for their \$60+/hr at this event? \$11.50/hr contracted out Security Guards proving to be ineffective with detemence and enforcement, how shocking. People in Toronto Ontario, still think they can pay nothing for security and get any value in return, yet pay big money for pay duty cops and have no expectation of value in return. Stick the pay duty cop on the door to oversee the searches and actually have them bring some value in return to these kind of events for once.

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Not a story and proof these events need to be in the open with proper medical care, otherwise kids will just sneak off to somewhere else less safe.

Time to grow up society.

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'Oh what a great concert!'...I think

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# Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti speaks out against all-ages shows

BY KEVIN CONNOR, TORONTO SUN

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The crowd is pictured during a December 2013 Avicii performance in Chicago. (GETTY IMAGES)

Toronto Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti is saying "I told you so" after 29 overindulging youth were sent to hospital from a Rogers Centre all-ages event over the weekend.

Toronto paramedics had to transport partygoers who fell ill to various degrees after consuming alcohol or drugs during a sold-out concert by Swedish DJ Avicii.

Mammoliti has long been a critic of all-ages raves.

"The same promoter (of the Avicii concert) wants to bring 8,000 to Exhibition Place for raves," Mammoliti said, adding such events have to be stopped.

Toronto EMS were called to the Rogers Centre because the private paramedics hired to cover the event were overwhelmed by the number of people who needed to be hospitalized.

"At the next meeting of city council I will be requesting a report from staff on the cost of emergency services and hospital ward beds related to this event," Mammoliti said.

He estimated the cost of dealing with those who fell ill at the show — for an overnight stay at an emergency ward, plus the tab for EMS care — is more than \$100,000.

He argued it's irresponsible to allow children to attend all-ages-events, Mammoliti said.

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**dbag1354** 3 days ago  
Good to see city council getting it's priorities straight yet again. Why doesn't that airhead Mamkotti just ban kids all together that should solve his problem.

**DickPoulan** → dbag1354 2 days ago  
Never heard about this many people OD'ing at an AC/DC concert  
Let's just ban this kind of crappy EDM.

**Steven Arviv** → DickPoulan 2 days ago  
You know what you don't see at EDM concerts/festivals? Violence. 40 000 people can party together and not one punch will be thrown or gun will be pulled. Regarding people OD'ing at concerts... the bulk of people at an AC/DC concerts would be in their 40-60s. You should have been at any of the rock/metal concerts in the 70's and 80s. People were OD'ing constantly. One kid (back in 1988) drowned in Lake Ontario after dropping some bad acid at a Pink Floyd show. This is no different.

**Steve Armie** → Steven Arviv 2 days ago  
I am calling BS on this. I have been to a lot of concerts and I never saw anyone OD except for once. You get a lot of Pot Heads at rock concerts. Not the Hard Core Heroin, Crack and Meth Heads that you get at these crap events. And another thing. The Moron parents who let their teenagers or younger go to these things should be locked up and never allowed to have children.

**DickPoulan** → Steven Arviv 2 days ago  
Violence? Been to lots of Rock 'N Roll shows (even in the 80s), and, given the numbers, the energy, etc., there is amazingly little. Certainly some. Maybe more than EDM, but, I've never checked stats.

(Now, the black urban music is a bit of a different story.....That stuff glorifies violence, and is favoured by street level thugs who employ violence.....so, there are powderkeg elements in the crowd and stage ....)

And, yes, the OD'ing stuff happens at all kinds of shows. I get that.

My comment was just a sarcastic barb at a type of music that I can't stand.

**wheeler98** → DickPoulan 2 days ago  
You ever been to a punk show or in a moshpit?

**DickPoulan** → wheeler98 2 days ago  
Yes, lots.  
That's violent, but, I would see it as consensual violence....kind of like agreeing to play hockey or football.

Also, despite being at dozens of such events with hundreds of thousands of fellow patrons, I can count on half of my left hand, the number of times anything ever came to fist blows (and it was a cranked-up security guard that started it).

Never a knife, never guns

**Steven Arviv** → DickPoulan 2 days ago  
Surprisingly enough the most violent show I've ever been to was a New Order concert back in the 80s. Very rowdy crowd. Hip Hop shows I pass on regularly even though I have access to all of the concerts. Give EDM a chance or go to one of the shows and I will guarantee you will change your mind. The energy is unparalleled and disposition of the crowd (No Attitude policy within the culture) makes it that much better.

**wheeler98** → DickPoulan 2 days ago  
Bon Scott took care of all that by himself....

**CANDYMAN** 3 days ago  
Mammo when you have stopped kids from partying out of control. What's next unplanned teenage pregnancy maybe you can legislate kids to stop having sex. You're an idiot.

**Change Needed** → CANDYMAN 2 days ago  
You are the idiot. Kids under 18 should be home at a reasonable hour, rather than attending raves and taking the risk of being one of the individuals sent to hospital.

**LetLogicPrevail** → Change Needed 2 days ago  
Wouldn't that be the concern of the parents, not the tax-payers? At what point to do we say, "Your kids, your responsibility" and lay the blame where it belongs?

**Steve002** → LetLogicPrevail 2 days ago  
Maybe city council just needs to supply good safe drugs at these events rather than leaving it up to Ford's friends to supply them. Where is Vaughan when you need him?

**LetLogicPrevail** → Steve002 2 days ago  
Wow, kids are going to raves and taking drugs, and you think that the mayor of Toronto is responsible? You're either an idiot, or just filled with hate. Either way, your posts should come with a warning, "Caution: Notting to see here"

**DickPoutan** → Steven Arvly 2 days ago  
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**Steve002** → LetLogicPrevail 3 days ago  
Hardly, it was just supposed to be amusing. I actually not only feel for Ford but I'd vote for him over any of the lame excuses running against him. I don't live in TO though.

**LetLogicPrevail** → Steve002 2 days ago  
lol...my bad. Just so used to seeing an article on almost anything being turned into a Ford bashing.

Cheers!

**ronin x** 3 days ago  
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"He argued it's irresponsible to allow children to attend all ages-events, Mammoliti said"

Creeps shooter George is unclear on what 'all ages' means.  
Another Ford nayshun brain donor...

**S. Capel** 3 days ago  
They shouldn't allow Ford out either, but he still gets around :)

**Adrian Simon** 2 days ago  
So 29 kids drank too much out of 30,000? I feel like that happens every weekend in Toronto regardless of whether Avicii is performing or not.

**spicygarage** 2 days ago  
29 overdosing youth  
How old were these "youth"? 14, 18, 21, 24? As usual, the devil is in the details... and any details that might detract from the moralizing angle are conveniently absent from the article.

**StealthCountryCitizen** 2 days ago  
This from the man who proposed turning a city park, The Island, into a red light district.

**spicygarage** 2 days ago  
1940s: Adults panic over drive-ins corrupting their youth.  
1950s: Adults panic over comic books corrupting their youth.  
1960s: Adults panic over rock music corrupting their youth.  
1970s: Adults panic over inner cities corrupting their youth.  
1980s: Adults panic over video games corrupting their youth.  
1990s: Adults panic over satanic daycares corrupting their youth.  
2000s: Adults panic over internet pornography corrupting their youth.  
2010s: Adults panic over electronic dance music corrupting their youth.

**spicygarage** 2 days ago  
In other news: 20,000 "youths" were also partying with loud music, alcohol and drugs, and some of them overdosed on alcohol or drugs and required 911 assistance. The only difference is that they were spread out among thousands of home basements across the city.

If Mammoliti was true to his principles, he would also agitate for a ban on home basements.

**LeftCenterRight** → spicygarage 2 days ago  
The difference is when at the Exhibition taxpayers are liable... pay taxes in this city so I do care.

**spicygarage** → LeftCenterRight 2 days ago  
That's an assumption I would love to see proven or disproven from someone quoting a verifiable source of information.

*My uninformed opinion:* if part of the roof falls onto an attendee, I'm sure the City is responsible; if an attendee makes bad personal decisions and suffers as a consequence, there's a small chance they could win a case against the event organizer; there's a microscopic chance they could win a case against the City as building owner. (And if that were the case, the building owner would win a case against the event organizer.)

**Important Rage** 2 days ago  
What an idiot this guy is.

**William Simon** 2 days ago  
They shouldn't allow teenagers out of their houses - ret'rds or not.  
Vote Ford!

**michael\_viseer** 2 days ago  
Ban all raves? Not likely, and it's not like all the attendees would be staying at home doing their homework. If you ban EDM from city property, where these events are held in busy, brightly lit venues with police and security they will go back to being held in dark, deserted industrial areas with no security. Does that sound like an improvement?

**Wolfgang Von Unterstein** 2 days ago  
So 29 people out of how many thousands behaved like idiots? For that we should ban this? \$100,000? I'm more concerned over the \$12 million spent on homeless shelters. As for the cost of the hospital space, that's a provincial cost. Not a city cost.

**spicygarage** → Wolfgang Von Unterstein 2 days ago  
It's 29 emergencies out of 20,000 spectators. EMS were quoted as saying that one person was arrested on drug charges and at least one other was treated for drug use, but the vast majority became ill to varying degrees as a result of alcohol consumption.

But let's fuel EDM drug panic instead -- it sells more copies of the Sun.

**KG** 2 days ago  
Aren't underage kids supposed to do their home work, or some people just trying to corrupt kids at ages as young as possible?  
The last thing our kids need is shows like this...no wonder we'll be soon the dumbest nation on the earth.

**spicygarage** 2 days ago  
Glibble people see "all-ages" and visualize 13-years olds in a crowd of 25-year olds.

Please note: This is an all ages General Admission ticketed event. VIP tickets are 19+ age limit--ID's required upon entrance. --From Rogers Centre's event description

Clearly, the Rogers Centre legal department would not allow alcohol in the non-VIP sections. Even in an "all-ages" event, there is some age segregation.

**Bovineecologist** 2 days ago  
Ban everything!

**Patricia Starr** 2 days ago  
Good for you Georgio. These guys don't care if kids are using fake ID's and getting sick - and interesting which city councilors don't care either.

**HardConsent** → Patricia Starr 2 days ago  
He doesn't give a tinkers damn about the kids, he is just posturing for votes. Understand the fact of a 10 month municipal election campaign for starters is ridiculous, what's worse is hearing this pandering for votes for that long. Sure municipal politics are important and when they are non party based, they need perhaps a longer electoral period, Why not 2 months, 3 tops, but 10 is ridiculous

**wheeler98** → HardConsent 2 days ago  
Mammoliti is simply positioning for a campaign donation from Z to ensure Muzik's exclusivity to the EX grounds...

**HardConsent** → wheeler98 2 days ago  
good call, missed that one

**thoughtfultry** 2 days ago  
For a change the normally self centered egotist, Mammoliti, has a stated position I'm in agreement with. These "raves" more closely resemble the antics of mobs completely separated from reason and unable to control behaviour that's more in keeping with wild beasts. Add the booze and illegal chemicals to the sound of the drums and you have the "ingredients" for serious mishaps. Definitely, not a gathering for the young and impressionable nor, anyone likely to suffer the residue of antisocial conduct.

**spicygarage** → thoughtfultry 2 days ago  
Curse that darned dancing!

**opinionismatter** 2 days ago  
The mentality of "not my kid" is just pure stupid!  
I agree this got totally out of control with a big hit to out health care dollars but the problem is not the rave in general its the underage part of it. I think its important to have these events because its great for the city but keep the underage kids out of it.

**LeftCenterRight** 2 days ago  
It does not matter the age of the people involved. If the event holder cannot manage his/her patrons then they should never be allowed to hold an event especially on City property where we could be liable for allowing the event.

29 people needing assistance would have taken the majority of paramedics available in the city. People involved in accidents, heart attacks, children collapsing else where in the city, would all be out of luck. Not to mention the overcrowding of emergency rooms.

This is ridiculous!

Unless an event holder can produce a safety plan that would be passed by the three emergency services I would say forget it.



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Nearly 30 hospitalized after sold-out Avicii concert



Paramedics transport a person who became ill while attending an Avicii concert at Rogers Centre in Toronto on Saturday, May 17, 2014.

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Josh Elliott, CTV Toronto  
 Published Sunday, May 18, 2014 8:15AM EDT  
 Last Updated Sunday, May 18, 2014 1:49PM EDT

Alcohol or drug use sent 29 people to hospital with various degrees of illness on Saturday night after an Avicii concert at Toronto's Rogers Centre.

Rogers Centre had its own medics for the sold out, all-ages electronic dance concert and EMS was not on standby, paramedics said. But staff at the 20,000-seat venue quickly became "overwhelmed" by the number of sick patrons, and that's when they called EMS to take over, paramedics said.

"Unfortunately we have a few kids ... excessive alcohol and partying and they can't handle it," EMS commander Peter Rotolo told CP24 on Saturday.

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Avicii performs at Austin City Limits Music Festival on Friday, Oct. 12, 2012 in Texas. (AP / Invision / Jack Plunkett)

kids to be present," he said in a news release.

Mammoliti said he'll ask city council to bill Ink Entertainment for the cost of sending EMS to deal with the illnesses.

He also blamed parents for sending their underage children to the concert unaccompanied.

"I want to call out all the irresponsible parents who would let their kids go alone to an event of this nature," Mammoliti said in the statement. "They say it takes a village to raise a child and, as a member of that village, I want to stop the irresponsible decisions made by other parents."

Five people were in serious condition but all are expected to fully recover, paramedics said.

Police arrested one concertgoer and at least one other was treated for drug use, paramedics said.

Paramedics said people began falling ill outside Rogers Centre before the Swedish DJ Avicii came out on stage.

"There's a lot of people here and a few don't spoil it for the rest," Rotolo said.

On Sunday, Toronto city councillor Giorgio Mammoliti blamed promoter Ink Entertainment for making to concert an all-ages event.

"This only proves that it doesn't matter whether these events are held on privately owned or government lands, they are dangerous events to hold as 'all-ages,' allowing

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**Adam Cassidy** · ★ Top Commenter

Mammoliti is a moron who is crusading against the Toronto nightlife. I'm ashamed of CTV for writing up this BS press op for him.

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**Miguel MG** · ★ Top Commenter

I'm glad I'm not the only one who wants to tell Mammoliti to shut up already.

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**Makar Yeliseykin** · ★ Top Commenter · A bazinga! at BAZINGA!

Regardless of what he says. What should be the solution?

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**Robert Kraus** · Mississauga, Ontario

Makar Yeliseykin Possibly (more) volunteer crews going around handing out water, informative pamphlets, advice and watching out for dangerous situations. We can't stop people from making stupid decisions but we can make sure everyone is taken care of.

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**Remo Agostino** · Follow · Works at The BoomBoom Room

How ridiculous. I really don't know what's going on with politicians in Toronto. Are they going to ask the LCBO to pay the expenses too, how bout the liquor distributor or manufacturer? Maybe the police or perhaps the parents of these children. This article is stupid.

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**Caroline Jacobson** · Windsor, Ontario

And the revenue generated by tourism from concerts like this do nothing, right TO city council? Thanks for nothing says Rogers Centre...

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**Jenny Fong** · Works at The Avengers

It's not the parents that are irresponsible, its the kids. Parents do their best to keep their kids out of trouble, but when the child does not listen, there isn't much to do then.

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**James Hayes** · Toronto, Ontario

Please do comparative looks at downtown Bar violence, drunk driving, ambulance calls per-capita in relation to this event, otherwise this is just political posturing of the worst kind. The first concert I went to as a young man was a heavy metal concert and I got drunk... so did a lot of kids... this isn't new, what is new is that some think that this is worse today. The event hired EMS and when needed they called in Toronto Ambulance... the city had its kids taken care of by a responsible organization that didn't hesitate for fear of the bad press (the press didn't disappoint)... but it was better than in my day.

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**Sophia Stamp** · Follow · Toronto, Ontario

Mammoliti is right-all ages events don't work.

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**Miguel MG** · ★ Top Commenter

Since by definition Mammoliti can't be correct about anything, he must be wrong here.

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realistically if it wasn't all ages the concert wouldn't have sold out in the first place if all the producer was thinking smart...and secondly its 29 people compared to the 20000 who were there, these events are designed for all ages just because everyone would have been 18 there still wouldn't have made a difference in the number of people hospitalized.

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**Olivier Poutine** · ★ Top Commenter · Child Educator, Head Amputator at Body Dropper, Heartbeat Stopper

They should be enforcing better. Searching patrons for drugs/weapons/alcohol and arresting those who are caught.

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**Alex Digenis** · Owner/General Manager at Skyway Fine Cars

My 14 year old daughter took a sip of water from a kid in line at the concert. within minutes she was completely out of it. Her friends admitted her to the infirmary at the Rogers Centre. She was quickly written off as a kid that got drunk. After an hour or trying to explain that she had not willingly ingested anything and after 4 other girls came in with the exact same story...the Rogers Centre team apologized and conceded that she had been drugged in line. The team then promptly let her sit on the floor until the end of the show with her friends until their ride showed up. No contact home. I have a call into the Centre. Many poor decisions made that evening. Interesting choices made by the adults.

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**Linda Yuen** · Victoria, British Columbia

Who takes a sip of water from a stranger?

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**Alex Digenis** · Owner/General Manager at Skyway Fine Cars

If that was a serious question Linda and you are sincerely interested I guess the answer would be my 14 year old daughter. She's doing fine thanks for asking.

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**Barb Oliff** · Burlington Central High School

My son went to this concert and enjoyed it...he is 14 and went with 10 friends. It was all over the high school. He was really surprised at the fact he wasn't even searched on the way into the concert. Why is it when I go to a Jays game I am searched and my purse? A concert that is attracting teenagers are allowed just to walk in... doesn't make sense!

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**Melissa D'Alessandro** · Follow · Investment Consultant at TD Canada Trust

I completely agree with Mammoliti onca. These type of events should not be all ages. Young kids who cannot control their assumption put a bad rap on our city dance festivals.

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**Alberto Henriquez Guzmán** · Release Classification Analyst at Livingston International

I definitely agree with banning the all ages. Everything else is hogwash.

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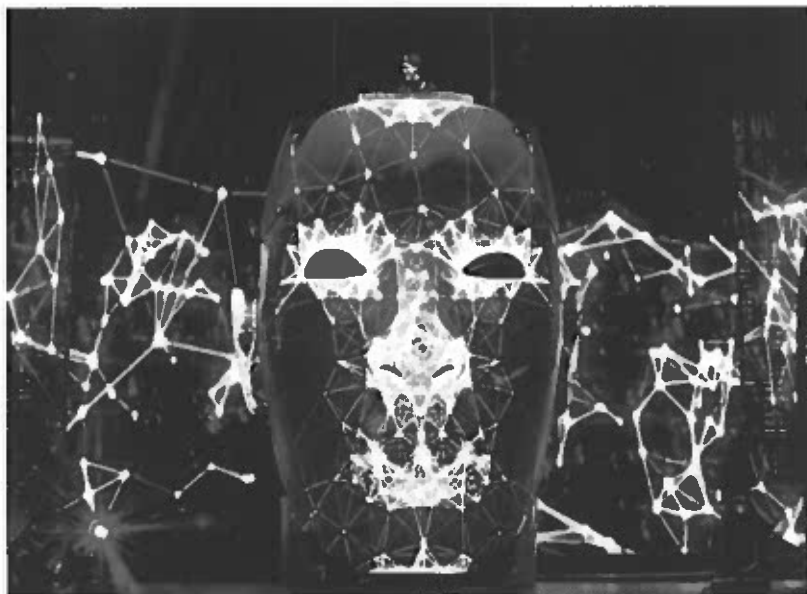
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### Avicii's Toronto Show Ends with 29 Hospitalizations

By michellechu on May 18, 2014

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Just because we get Avicii out of the hospital, doesn't mean we need fans and listeners in to replace him, but according to CTV Toronto News, 29 people were sent to the hospital due to alcohol or drug-related illnesses after Avicii's concert at Toronto's Rogers Centre on Saturday Night.

This #TRUETOIR show was an 'All Age Event,' and EMS commander Peter Rotolo said, "Unfortunately we have a few kids...excessive alcohol and partying and they can't handle it."

According to paramedics, five people were in serious condition, but all are expected to fully recover. Further painting a picture of the context and scene of last night's concert, paramedics said people began falling ill outside Rogers Centre before Avicii even came out on stage.

Rogers Centre provided its own medics for the concert, so EMS was not on standby, but the staff at the 20,000-seat venue quickly became "overwhelmed" by the number of sick patrons and called upon EMS to for assistance.

We hope for quick recovery for all individuals involved.

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## 29 HOSPITALIZED DURING TORONTO AVICII SHOW

Date posted: May 18, 2014



It seems that the incredible hype for Saturday night's sold-out, all-ages Avicii show in Toronto took a turn for the worse, as 29 concert-goers were transported to the hospital from the Rogers Centre to be treated for the effects of alcohol and drugs.

Toronto EMS Commander Peter Rotolo told CP24 that they started receiving several 911 calls for treatment of patients who "overdosed" on alcohol before Avicii even came on stage. According to Rotolo, most of the patients were treated for excessive alcohol consumption, and at least one person was treated for drug use.

The event had hired its own private medical professionals to patrol the twenty thousand party patrons; however, the medical staff became "overwhelmed" with all the emergency cases, so 911 was called for Toronto EMS to assume command.

One arrest was also made in connection with the incident.

Five patients were in serious condition but everyone is expected to make a full recovery, paramedics told CP24.



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29 people were reportedly hospitalised at an Avicii gig in Toronto on Saturday night.

Toronto media outlet *CTV News* reports that most were sent to hospital due to excessive alcohol consumption while one concertgoer at the Rogers Centre was treated for drug use.

It is believed that Rogers Centre medics originally treated those that fell ill, five who were in serious condition, but had to call upon the Toronto Emergency Medical Services (EMS) when they became overwhelmed.

Toronto city councillor Giorgio Mammoliti placed the blame with promoter Ink Entertainment, questioning the decision to make it an all-ages event.

"This only proves that it doesn't matter whether these events are held on privately owned or government lands, they are dangerous events to hold as 'all-ages,' allowing kids to be present."

One arrest is also said to have taken place at the event.

[Via: *CTV News*]

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29 people were treated for bleeding ears, also known as sad ears syndrome.

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Must have been an overdose of Cheese

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This only proves 29 morons attended.

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Actually this only proves what has always been proved. Alcohol is a bad drug.

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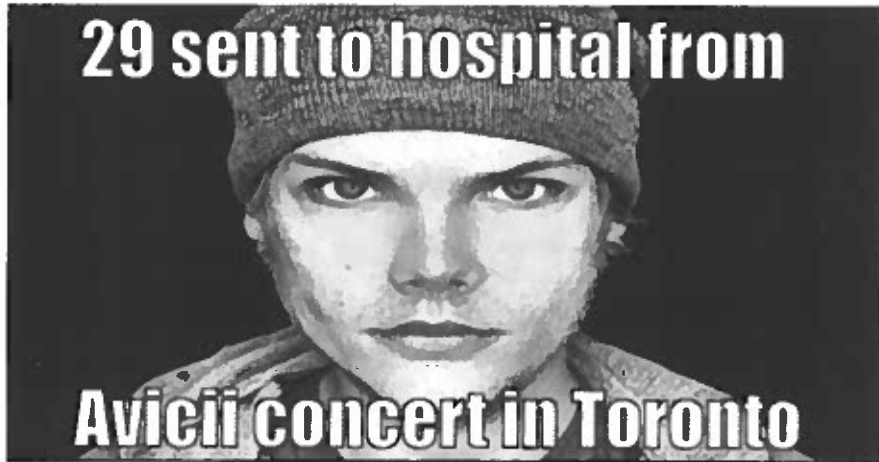
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I love it how its always someone else's fault that morons get hurt.

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# 29 sent to hospital from Avicii concert in Toronto

By Gregory Lamb on May 18, 2014



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The Avicii concert kept Toronto EMS scrambling Saturday night, with at least 29 people ending up in hospital to be treated for illnesses related to alcohol or drugs.

That number is unusually high, said duty officer George Esiasis. It's not typical for that many people to require hospitalization at that kind of concert.

Rogers Centre had its own medics on site, but staff reportedly became overwhelmed by the number of patrons requiring medical assistance and EMS had to be called.

According to media reports, one person was arrested and at least one other was treated for drug use, but the vast majority became ill to varying degrees as a result of alcohol consumption.

Paramedics said patrons were getting sick before Avicii made it on stage.

The sold-out electronic dance concert welcomed fans of all ages. Approximately 20,000 people piled into the Rogers Centre to see the Swedish DJ.

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# 'SNL' EDM sketch becomes reality as 29 are hospitalized at Avicii concert

By [Audra Schroeder](#) on May 19, 2014 [Email](#) [Follow](#)

Over the weekend, satire and reality mirrored themselves a little too closely.

On *Saturday Night Live's* season finale, host Andy Samberg produced a pitch-perfect excoriation of contemporary EDM culture. He portrayed an overpaid DJ named "Davvincii," likely modeled after Swedish superstar DJ Tim Bergling, a.k.a. Avicii, and spoofed a culture where the DJ does little actual music-making, and the audience just waits for the bass to drop. When the bass does drop, several fans' heads literally explode.



That same night, in Toronto, Bergling played a gig at Rogers Centre, where 29 people were hospitalized.

While no heads exploded, several concertgoers were thought to have become ill after "overdosing" on alcohol and/or drugs. Toronto EMS claimed they transported 10 people to the hospital, but the Rogers Centre also had its own medics on standby for the sold-out, all ages show, and other reports claim 29 people were sent to the hospital, after the venue become "overwhelmed" with sick fans. There was one arrest.

There were no reported deaths, but Toronto city council member Giorgio Mammoliti did place the blame with the promoter for making it all ages. In a press release, he said:

"This only proves that it doesn't matter whether these events are held on privately owned or government lands, they are dangerous events to hold as 'all-ages,' allowing kids to be present."

Bergling didn't mention the incident in his tweets from the night, but it's possible he didn't find out about it.

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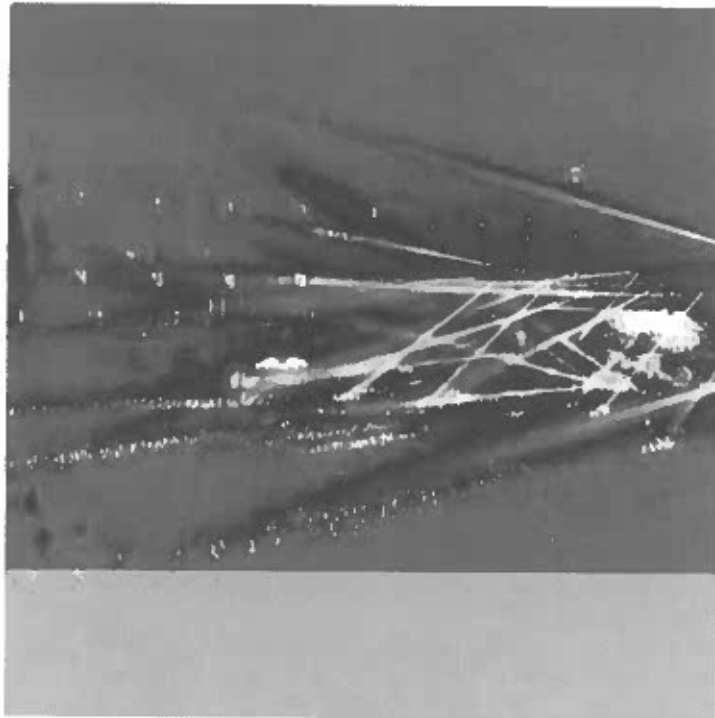
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He was likely too busy "killing it" at the Rogers Centre.



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YES — is killing it in Toronto RIGHT NOW! cc veralie\_ (Instagram)

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However, he did retweet the SNL sketch.

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How is this even possible? The only "Yes" you see is "Yes, I'm killing it!" (cc @veralie\_)



I saw this tweet and thought "That's funny, I've never heard of 'Yes, I'm killing it!' before. I'm a fan of the song 'Yes, I'm killing it!' by Avicii." (cc @veralie\_)



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Anyone take any pictures at Avicii

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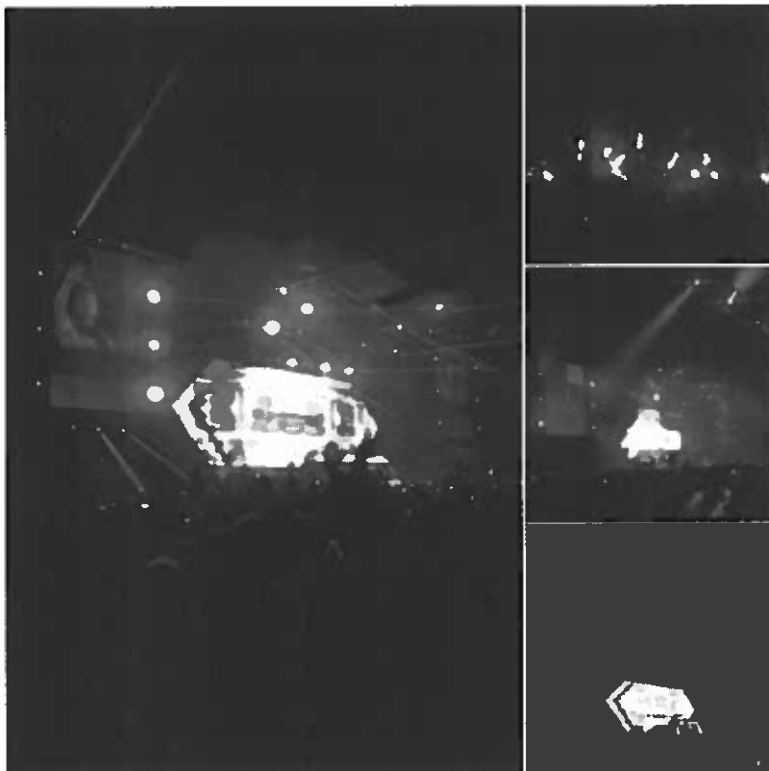
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**Roman Soler**  
May 18 at 9:58am

Went last second to the avicii "rave". 1) skydome sucks for anything edm related 2) 90 percent of the crowd was under 19. 3) their liquor license was suspended by the time I got there (10:30) 4) the amount of ambulances on blue Jays way was ridiculous 5) avicii sucked, was a Mashup between his tracks and "bangers" and he didn't play levels lol 6) the only thing I actually enjoyed where the flame bursts

Here's a photo to recap the shitty 1.5 hours I was there.



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that T-rex tho



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**Mahad Jama** Only level to that show was OTL  
May 18 at 12:09pm · Like · 👍 1



**David Nyambi**



**Alex Clerk**  
May 18 at 7:17pm · New Dundee

I felt like I was at a daycare last night



## 29 sent to hospital from Avicii concert in Toronto



*Swedish DJ, remixer and record producer Avicii staged a concert at the Rogers Centre on Saturday night. At least 29 people ended up in*

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Edm events should only be 19+

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**Shaun Rukus** Except OP doesn't go to Guv. Haggles them about cover charge

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**Phobic Dubz** go to western or any university town and see how many people get white girl wasted on the regular. doesn't matter if it's 19 plus. some people just don't know when to stop. you don't here about it because what are they going to do? ban people from going to university? people get fucked up everywhere, it's life. media has put the spot light on the music scene atm and op has fallen for it. noob

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**Vincenzo So-fly Vegas VII** Dani Babekov please give Drake and Weezy another chance, dance music wants nothing to to with you

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**Dan Levy**  
May 18 at 7:17pm

Zlatko is at it again!



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**Jesse Ship** Mav Ham with his onitake.

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May 18 at 2:00pm

30 people hospitalized out of 45,000. Chill the fuck out.

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**Nathaniel G. Dubyah** Apologies.... I just so happened to read most of what was written above, which brought me to the following conclusion; most of what you said was immature. Not only were you answering your own idiotic questions, you were responding to everything that wa... See More  
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**Chanel Sabovitch** THANK YOU!!! ^  
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**Sam De Castro** Woaaaahhhh sometimes, 29 kids get a bad feeling, yeah.

A feeling that they never never never never had before no noooo it's not a good feeling, yeah.

Yesterday at 12:27pm · Like · 4

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**Marko Triantafillos**  
May 17 at 6:57pm · Toronto

If anybody wants to have a good laugh please go outside the rogers centre! Wtf is going on lmfao!?!?

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**Matt Sexton** I bet everyone of those girls in that bathroom called her "ratchet" and then immediately took a selfie  
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**Troy L. Bennett** Is her arm supposed to bend that way?  
May 17 at 9:31pm · Like · 3

**Sandrin Fernando** Kyle Limeback as a teen. as a high schooler. When they go to rave or a EDM fest/show. A good chunk don't care who plays they just go so they can get their hands on some MDMA or blow or w.e and get fucked up. The others go for the artist and for the music but to the too drugs are their first priority. Then you got a small percentage that enjoy music.  
May 18 at 11:58pm · Like

**Egan Negrin**  
May 17 at 9:32pm · Toronto

When I went to sound academy for Dada Life Compound last month during Olie's set I sat down to take a breather in the bathroom cause I couldn't sit anywhere else, and I had been feeling a little nauseous that morning..

Non-stop I had guys walking by me asking if I was feeling alright when I was perfectly fine, not puking at all, and I was shocked by how good people were being about it and respected. But on the flip side when you look at it through this image, I'm baffled, who can walk by take pictures and ignore this? Sure she's probably 16, but it's not an excuse to ignore it and not help her get better. — at Rogers Centre.



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**David Nyambi**  
May 17 at 10:49pm · Edited

With all the Avicii posts about people getting carted off by paramedics, I'm still wondering how this is sort of a behaviour is real a shock to people in 2014. The same thing happens at events that are 19+, if not more so, yet people are claiming that this is an issue with "kids". The larger issue here is the fact that people are fueling their addiction to drugs just to be present at an event, listening to music which they probably don't care for, then ending up in a hospital. We're supposed to feel bad for that? K. Like anything in life, people need to learn through error. It's an opportunity for them to mature.

The EDM scene is over-saturated with people who have the IQ of peacock. This is what happens. Life goes on.

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**Nathan McKinlay** If the kids were doing drugs responsibly instead of bingeing on alcohol they wouldn't have had this kind of a problem. Only now that EDM has gone mainstream it suffers from the same fate of other alcohol-laden genres and events...  
May 18 at 10:42pm · Like · 1

**Julia Robb** david nyambi my nigga  
May 18 at 11:03pm · Like

**Jake Matta** Lmao David! This reminds me of our long talks in European history back in the day!  
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