Is drinking putting the health of your patient or client at risk?

More than 1 in 4 adults are currently drinking above lower risk limits.



- Women should not regularly* drink more than 2-3 units a day
- Men should not regularly* drink more than 3-4 units a day
- Pregnant women or women trying to

Impact on health

It may be worth discussing levels of alcohol consumption and possible impact on health. Alcohol may be a factor in the following conditions/complaints:

- mental health problems
- gastrointestinal problems

conceive should avoid drinking alcohol. If they do choose to drink, to protect the baby they should not drink more than 1-2 units of alcohol once or twice a week and should not get drunk

- Anyone who has drunk heavily in one session should then go without alcohol for 48 hours, to give their liver and other body tissues time to recover

*'Regularly' here means every day or most days of the week (not just drinking at these levels once a week)

- obesity
- liver complaints
- diabetes
- high blood pressure
- stroke
- coronary heart disease
- pancreatitis
- kidney problems



HIGHER RISK

over

8 Units

per day

(over 50 units

per week)



over

6 Units

per day

(over 35 units

per week)





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