

Facts About Alcohol

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A Narcotic

1. It is the number one drug problem in this country.
2. It claims at least 100,000 lives every year, 25 times as many as illegal drugs combined.
3. No logical, rational thinking person can deny the destructive nature of alcohol.

Not Mentioned By Alcohol Industry

1. **It is associated with most crimes.**
 - It is a factor in 70% of all murders.
 - It is a factor in 50% of all rapes.
 - It is a factor in 60% of all sexual crimes against children.
 - It is a factor in 55% of all arrests.
2. **It is a serious safety hazard.**
 - It is a factor in 66% of all fatal auto accidents.
 - It is a factor in 53% of all fire deaths.
 - It is a factor in 36% of pedestrian accidents.
 - It is a factor in 22% of all home accidents.
 - It is a factor in 45% of all drownings.

Is It Just The “Abuse” Of Alcohol?

Some say, “I drink beer, not liquor”

1. I believe them. America consumed 6.3 billion gallons of beer last year.
2. 85.5% of all alcohol consumption was in beer in 2005.
3. But what's the benefit of that? What is positive about that?
 - 80% of drivers arrested for DWI were drinking only beer.
 - Someone in the US dies every 30 minutes in an alcohol related death (primarily from beer).
 - Alcohol related car crashes cost an estimated \$44 billion annually.
4. Someone in the U.S. dies every 50 minutes in an alcohol related death (primarily from beer).

There has never been an alcoholic who didn't take that first drink!

What Does This Say About Social Drinking?

Our government has tried in every way possible to legislate tobacco out of existence. But our government has not touched the alcohol problem which is many times more deadly and costly to people than tobacco ever was or ever will be!

Moreover, our government has deemed that stores that sell alcohol and marijuana are “necessary”!

One explanation given was that *too many people are addicted to these drugs* and it would place an unnecessary hardship on those who are dealing with their addictions ([Newsweek, April 18, 2020](#)).

Another explanation given was that it falls under the “food and agricultural” category. “This category includes groceries, pharmacies, convenience stores, and other retailers that sell human food, animal or pet food, and beverage products. Restaurants with carryout or delivery service fall into this category as well. Liquor stores obviously sell beverages, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic. They often also sell snack foods. Many states allow convenience stores to sell alcohol. Mystery solved” ([Psychology Today, March 27, 2020](#)). The article went on to point out that the taxes gathered by local, state and federal agencies is significant. It also suggested that the long shadow of the 1920 Prohibition Act is a reason for the decision. Illegal alcohol and drugs can be a real headache for the government to deal with, as the remembrance of Al Capone and his gang is considered.

I'm also sure that the fact that many, if not most, of our government officials drink beer, wine, and liquor.

So it's up to you to keep in mind the dangers of alcohol, and to share the facts to warn others! 351602