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What are Negative Consequences of Underage Drinking?

There are increased risks and a range of negative consequences related to drinking, especially for those under 21. Underage drinking is dangerous for the following reasons:

- **Causes many injuries & deaths**

On average, alcohol plays a role in the deaths of over **4,000** young people **under age 21** every year.



- **Increases the risk of assault**

People who drink are more likely to carry out or be the victim of a physical or sexual assault.



• Increase the risk of cancer
• Can lead to other problems

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What Is an Alcohol Overdose?

An **alcohol overdose** occurs when there is so much alcohol in the bloodstream that areas of the brain controlling basic life-support functions—such as breathing, heart rate, and temperature control—begin to shut down.

Symptoms of alcohol overdose include mental confusion, difficulty remaining conscious, vomiting, seizure, trouble breathing, slow heart rate, clammy skin, dulled responses such as no gag reflex, and extremely low body temperature. Alcohol overdose can lead to permanent **brain damage or death**.





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