

Want to help?

We can encourage communication among private and public schools, community businesses, local government, and law enforcement to develop and enforce all policies related to underage alcohol use.

Schools can find out what factors contribute to student drinking and determine what steps are being taken by the school system to help students resist pressure to drink from peers.

Communities can discourage the sale of alcohol to minors as well as discourage the sale of alcohol promoting over-consumption. If minors believe that people only drink to become intoxicated, they are encouraged to over-consume.

Youths can support and become involved in positive opportunities and activities in the community. Talk to adults in the community about underage drinking and work with them to develop a plan to reduce the consequences of underage drinking.

Parents can encourage their children to talk to them about their concerns with alcohol, get to know their child's friends and discuss ways to handle peer pressure.



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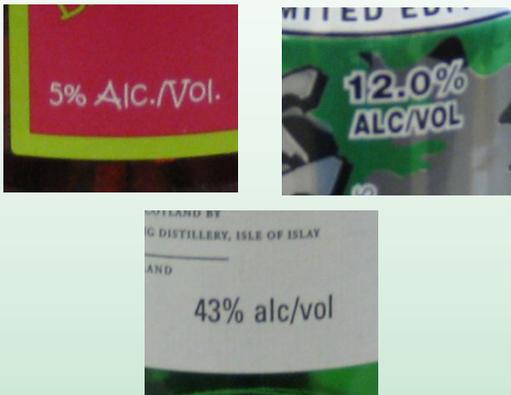
Alcohol By Volume

Information and Measurements of Standard Drinks

The alcohol in one 23.5 ounce malt beverage (12% ABV) equals the alcohol in 4.7 beers (5% ABV)



Want to know the alcohol content of a canned or bottled beverage? You can start by checking the label, however not all beverages are required to list the alcohol content on the label.



You can also check our database on www.tabc.texas.gov

Alcohol Definitions

Ale or Malt Liquor - A malt beverage containing more than four percent of alcohol by weight.

Beer - A malt beverage containing one-half of one percent or more of alcohol by volume and not more than four percent of alcohol by weight, and does not include a beverage designated by label or otherwise by a name other than beer. (Generally 5.1% and under ABV.)

Distilled Spirits - Alcohol, spirits of wine, whiskey, rum, brandy, gin, or any liquor produced in whole or in part by the process of distillation, including all dilutions or mixtures of them, and includes spirit coolers that may have an alcoholic content as low as four percent alcohol by volume and contain plain, sparkling, or carbonated water and may also contain one or more natural or artificial blending or flavoring ingredients.

Wine - A product obtained from the alcoholic fermentation of juice of sound ripe grapes, fruits, berries, or honey, and includes wine coolers.

Standard Drink

Standard drink charts are helpful, however, they may not reflect customary serving sizes. If you want to know how much alcohol is in a cocktail or beverage container, try one of the alcohol beverage calculators at <http://rethinkingdrinking.niaaa.nih.gov>



Measurement Definitions

Alcohol by Volume (ABV) - Represents the volume of liquid that is ethanol compared to the entire volume of the drink.

Alcohol by Weight (ABW) - Represents the weight of the liquid that is ethanol compared to the entire weight of the drink.