

# Alcohol Use and Society

## Chapter 9

### Lesson 4

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## Other Risks of Alcohol Use

### Schoolwork

Teens who use alcohol are more likely to do poorly in school.

### Decision-Making

Teens who use alcohol are more likely to make poor decisions in life and engage in health-risk behaviors.

### Relationships

Teens who use alcohol are more likely to have unhappy relationships.

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### Alcohol Use Affects Decisions

A person under the influence of alcohol might **take risks** that he or she would **not normally** take.

- A person under the influence of alcohol may decide to **commit a crime**.
- Another may choose to **try other drugs**.
- A person may engage in sexual activity, which can lead to **unplanned pregnancy** or infection with a **sexually transmitted disease**.

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**Students Against Destructive Decisions** (SADD) promotes good decision making among teens.

Getting involved with SADD can improve your **decision-making skills**.

**Mothers Against Drunk Driving** (MADD) is a nonprofit organization that seeks to **stop** drunk driving, **support** those affected by drunk driving, **prevent** underage drinking, and overall push for **stricter** alcohol policy.

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### Driving Drunk

A person who uses alcohol experiences a loss of **coordination**, **concentration**, and **visual awareness**.

Drinking and driving can result in a crash, which could result in **serious injury** or **death**.

It is very important for your safety that you **not ride** in a vehicle with a driver who had been using **alcohol**.

A driver under the influence of alcohol may think that his or her abilities **have not been** affected.

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### Alcohol Use Affects Relationships

Teens who use alcohol:

- Often find that they **lose friends**.
- Often lose interest in activities they used to enjoy, such as sports.

Teens may end friendships or lie to **cover up** the alcohol abuse.

Because they **push away** the people in their lives, people who abuse alcohol may become very **lonely**.

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### Alcohol Use and the Family

A whole family can **suffer** when one member abuses alcohol.

A teen who abuses alcohol **cannot be counted on** to give emotional support to family members who need it, or to **keep promises**.

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### Alcohol Use and Violence

**Mood swings** caused by alcohol abuse can lead to violence.



**violence** An act of physical force resulting in injury or abuse

People who become violent when they're using alcohol are often **covering up** difficult emotions.

Professional health services or a support group **can help** people deal with their **anger** or **sadness**.