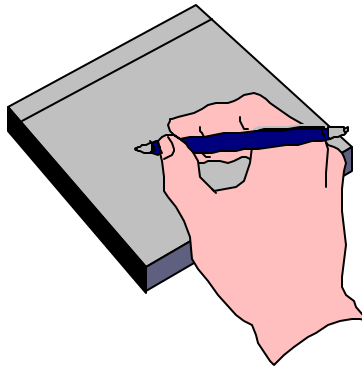


# ALCOHOL-RELATED PROBLEMS SURVEY

This survey is about the health of older people and their use of alcohol. Your information is valuable in helping us understand how to prevent disease and promote well being.



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## SECTION 1: HEALTH PROBLEMS

This section is about your current health.

CHECK (☑) ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

1. Has a <u>doctor or other health care worker</u> ever told you that you have:	NO	YES	DON'T KNOW
a. High blood pressure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Congestive heart failure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Diabetes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Osteoporosis	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Cirrhosis or another liver condition	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Cancer of the mouth or throat	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Breast cancer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Gout	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. Memory disorder or dementing illness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**DID YOU CHECK ONE ANSWER ON EACH LINE,  
EVEN IF YOUR ANSWER IS "DON'T KNOW"?**

**CHECK (☑) ONE BOX ON EACH LINE**

**2. In the past twelve months, has a doctor or other health care worker told you that you have:**

	NO	YES	DON'T KNOW
a. Hepatitis	☐ <sub>1</sub>	☐ <sub>2</sub>	☐ <sub>3</sub>
b. Gastritis	☐ <sub>1</sub>	☐ <sub>2</sub>	☐ <sub>3</sub>
c. Ulcer of the stomach or small intestine	☐ <sub>1</sub>	☐ <sub>2</sub>	☐ <sub>3</sub>
d. Pancreatitis	☐ <sub>1</sub>	☐ <sub>2</sub>	☐ <sub>3</sub>
e. Depression, anxiety or another emotional or mental health problem	☐ <sub>1</sub>	☐ <sub>2</sub>	☐ <sub>3</sub>

**3. Do you now use tobacco in any form, including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, chewing tobacco, etc.?**

**CHECK (☑) ONE BOX**

☐ <sub>1</sub>	No, I have <u>never</u> used tobacco.
☐ <sub>2</sub>	No, I used tobacco <u>in the past</u> , but I do not use it now.
☐ <sub>3</sub>	Yes, I use tobacco <u>now</u> .

**4. How much of the time during the past 12 months did you have any of the following problems?**

**CHECK (☑) ONE BOX ON EACH LINE**

	<u>None</u> of the time	<u>A Little</u> of the time	<u>Some</u> of the time	<u>Most</u> Of the time	<u>All</u> of the time
a. Problems sleeping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Stomach pains	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Heartburn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Nausea	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Vomiting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Diarrhea	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Nervousness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Memory problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Feeling depressed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Tripping, bumping into things	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Falling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. Problems with bladder control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**DID YOU CHECK ONE ANSWER ON EACH LINE,  
EVEN IF YOUR ANSWER IS "NONE OF THE TIME"?**

## SECTION 2: MEDICATIONS

This section is about some medications you may be using.

5. How many different medications do you use at least once a week? Count ALL, even if you get them without a doctor's prescription. (Do not count eye drops, vitamins, minerals, ointments.)

CHECK (☑) ONE BOX

<input type="radio"/>	None
<input type="radio"/>	One to two
<input type="radio"/>	Three to five
<input type="radio"/>	Six to seven
<input type="radio"/>	Eight or more

6. Do you now take 2 or more regular or extra strength (325 mg or more) aspirins EVERY DAY or ALMOST EVERY DAY?

CHECK (☑) ONE BOX

<input type="radio"/>	No
<input type="radio"/>	Yes
<input type="radio"/>	Don't know

CHECK (☑) ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

7. Do you now take any of these medications at least ONCE A WEEK?	NO	YES	DON'T KNOW
a. Sedatives or sleeping medicines such as Valium, Dalmane, Librium, Xanax, Ambien, Ativan, Halcion, chloral hydrate	0	0	0
b. Tranquilizers such as Thorazine, Mellaril, Haldol	0	0	0
c. Narcotic medications such as Darvon, Demerol, codeine, morphine, Percocet, Vicodin	0	0	0

DID YOU CHECK ONE ANSWER ON EACH LINE, EVEN IF YOUR ANSWER IS "DON'T KNOW"?

**CHECK (☑) ONE BOX ON EACH LINE**

8. Do you now take any of these medications EVERY DAY or ALMOST EVERY DAY?	NO	YES	DON'T KNOW
a. Ulcer and stomach medicines such as Zantac, Tagamet, Prilosec, Pepcid	0	0	0
b. Arthritis and pain medicines such as Motrin ( <i>Ibuprofen</i> ), Voltaren, Clinoril, Naprosyn, Tylenol, Advil	0	0	0
c. Tolinase, Diabinese or Orinase	0	0	0
d. Other blood pressure medicines such as Cardizem, Vasotec, Lotensin, Atenolol, Cozaar, Novasc, water pills	0	0	0
e. Nitrates such as Isordil, Nitropatch	0	0	0
f. Other medicines for the heart such as digoxin, Lasix	0	0	0
g. Coumadin (warfarin)	0	0	0
h. Seizure medicines such as Tegretol, Dilantin or phenobarbital	0	0	0
i. Depression medicines such as Elavil ( <i>amitriptyline</i> ), Pamelor ( <i>nortriptyline</i> ), Paxil, Prozac, Zoloft	0	0	0
j. Prescription antihistamines such as Claritin, Zyrtec, Allegra	0	0	0
k. Tylenol PM, Benadryl, Chlor-trimeton or other nonprescription antihistamines	0	0	0

**DID YOU CHECK ONE ANSWER ON EACH LINE, EVEN IF YOUR ANSWER IS "DON'T KNOW"?**

## SECTION 3: RECENT ALCOHOL USE

This section is about alcohol use during the past 12 months.

The next questions ask you to count drinks. When you answer, please count one drink of alcohol as equal to one of the following:



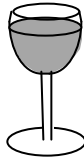
One 12-ounce  
can of beer

or



One 12-  
ounce bottle  
of wine  
cooler

or



One 5-  
ounce glass  
of wine

or



One 1.5-  
ounce shot of  
hard liquor  
such as  
whisky or  
scotch

or



One cocktail containing  
one shot (1.5 ounces)  
of hard liquor

9. During the past 12 months, how often did you have a drink containing alcohol?

CHECK (☑) ONE BOX

Daily or almost daily

Four or five times a week

Two or three times a week

Two to four times a month

One time a month or less

Never ⇨ **Please go to page 12.**



10. On days that you drank alcohol during the past 12 months, how many drinks of alcohol (*beer, wine, and/or hard liquor*) did you usually drink?

CHECK (☑) ONE BOX

<input type="radio"/>	Five or more
<input type="radio"/>	Four
<input type="radio"/>	Three
<input type="radio"/>	Two
<input type="radio"/>	One
<input type="radio"/>	Less than one

11. During the past 12 months, how often did you have three or more drinks of alcohol at one sitting?

CHECK (☑) ONE BOX

<input type="radio"/>	Daily or almost daily
<input type="radio"/>	Four or five times a week
<input type="radio"/>	Two or three times a week
<input type="radio"/>	Two to four times a month
<input type="radio"/>	One time a month or less
<input type="radio"/>	Never

12. During the past 12 months, how often did you have four or more drinks of alcohol at one sitting?

**CHECK (☑) ONE BOX**

- 
- <sub>1</sub> Daily or almost daily
- 
- <sub>2</sub> Four or five times a week
- 
- <sub>3</sub> Two or three times a week
- 
- <sub>4</sub> Two to four times a month
- 
- <sub>5</sub> One time a month or less
- 
- <sub>6</sub> Never
- 

13. Because of your alcohol use, how often in the past 12 months did you fail to do what you were supposed to do?

**CHECK (☑) ONE BOX**

- 
- <sub>1</sub> Daily or almost daily
- 
- <sub>2</sub> At least once a week, but less than daily
- 
- <sub>4</sub> At least once a month, but less than weekly
- 
- <sub>5</sub> Less than once a month
- 
- <sub>6</sub> Never
-

**14. Because of your alcohol use, how often in the past 12 months were you unable to stop drinking once you started?**

**CHECK (☑) ONE BOX**

- 
- 1 Daily or almost daily
- 
- 2 At least once a week, but less than daily
- 
- 3 At least once a month, but less than weekly
- 
- 4 At least once a month, but less than weekly
- 
- 5 Less than once a month
- 
- 6 Never
- 

**15. Because of your alcohol use, how often in the past 12 months did you feel guilty or sorry for something you did?**

**CHECK (☑) ONE BOX**

- 
- 1 Daily or almost daily
- 
- 2 At least once a week, but less than daily
- 
- 3 At least once a month, but less than weekly
- 
- 4 At least once a month, but less than weekly
- 
- 5 Less than once a month
- 
- 6 Never
-

16. In the past 12 months, on how many days did you drive a car, truck, or other vehicle within 2 hours of having three or more drinks?

CHECK (☑) ONE BOX

<input type="radio"/>	20 or more days
<input type="radio"/>	10 - 19 days
<input type="radio"/>	6 - 9 days
<input type="radio"/>	3 - 5 days
<input type="radio"/>	1 - 2 days
<input type="radio"/>	Never
<input type="radio"/>	I did not drive in the past 12 months

17. Has a doctor, other medical person, relative, friend, or anyone else ever been concerned about your drinking or suggested that you should cut down?

CHECK (☑) ONE BOX

<input type="radio"/>	No
<input type="radio"/>	Yes, but <u>not</u> during the <u>past 12 months</u>
<input type="radio"/>	Yes, during the <u>past 12 months</u>

**SECTION 4: The following question is about you in general.**

**18. The following are *physical* activities you might do during a typical day. How much are you limited in these activities because of your health?**

**CHECK (☑) ONE BOX ON EACH LINE**

	<b><u>Not limited</u> <u>at all</u> <i>because</i> <i>Of health</i></b>	<b>Limited <u>a little</u> <i>because of</i> <i>health</i></b>	<b>Limited <u>a lot</u> <i>because</i> <i>of health</i></b>
<b>a.</b> Climbing one flight of stairs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>b.</b> Walking one block	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>c.</b> Bathing or dressing yourself	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**19. How would you describe your current health status?**

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

**20. Are you male or female?**

- Male
- Female

21. What is your date of birth?

(Write in the date below. Example: 01 01 1935)

MONTH	DAY	YEAR

22. Which of the following best describes you?

White, not of Hispanic origin

Black, not of Hispanic origin

Hispanic

Asian or Pacific Islander

American Indian or Alaskan Native

Other, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

23. What was the highest grade or year of education you completed and got credit for?

*Circle one only of the numbers below.*

None	0												
Grade School, Jr. High, High, High School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
College or Vocational School	1	2	3	4	5+								
Graduate or Professional School	1	2	3	4	5+								