

Alcohol use disorders identification test (AUDIT)

AUDIT is a comprehensive 10 question alcohol harm screening tool. It was developed by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and modified for use in the UK and has been used in a variety of health and social care settings.

Questions	Scoring system					Your score
	0	1	2	3	4	
How often do you have a drink containing alcohol?	Never	Monthly or less	2 to 4 times per month	2 to 3 times per week	4 times or more per week	
How many units of alcohol do you drink on a typical day when you are drinking?	0 to 2	3 to 4	5 to 6	7 to 9	10 or more	
How often have you had 6 or more units if female, or 8 or more if male, on a single occasion in the last year?	Never	Less than monthly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily or almost daily	
How often during the last year have you found that you were not able to stop drinking once you had started?	Never	Less than monthly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily or almost daily	
How often during the last year have you failed to do what was normally expected from you because of your drinking?	Never	Less than monthly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily or almost daily	
How often during the last year have you needed an alcoholic drink in the morning to get yourself going after a heavy drinking session?	Never	Less than monthly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily or almost daily	
How often during the last year have you had a feeling of guilt or remorse after drinking?	Never	Less than monthly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily or almost daily	
How often during the last year have you been unable to remember what happened the night before because you had been drinking?	Never	Less than monthly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily or almost daily	
Have you or somebody else been injured as a result of your drinking?	No		Yes, but not in the last year		Yes, during the last year	
Has a relative or friend, doctor or other health worker been concerned about your drinking or suggested that you cut down?	No		Yes, but not in the last year		Yes, during the last year	

Total AUDIT score	
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Scoring:













- 0 to 7 indicates low risk
- 8 to 15 indicates increasing risk
- 16 to 19 indicates higher risk,
- 20 or more indicates possible dependence

Giving feedback and advice

If the score is lower

If the score is 8 or above, give brief advice to reduce risk for alcohol harm. If the score is 20 or above, consider referral to specialist alcohol harm assessment.

Alcohol unit reference

One unit of alcohol		Half pint of "regular" beer, lager or cider		Half a small glass of wine		1 single measure of spirits		1 small glass of sherry		1 single measure of aperitifs				
Drinks more than a single unit		2		3		1.5		2		4		3		9
	Pint of "regular" beer, lager or cider		Pint of "strong" or "premium" beer, lager or cider		Alcopop or a 275ml bottle of regular lager		440ml can of "regular" lager or cider		440ml can of "super strength" lager		250ml glass of wine (12%)		75cl Bottle of wine (12%)	