# Alcohol



### **Don't Drink and Drive**



### **Overdose Signs & Symptoms**



Shallow Breathing



**Hypothermia** 



**Vomiting** 



Loss of Consciousness



**Seizures** 

### **Consequences of Alcohol Use**

- Impaired Brain Development
- **Liver Damage**
- Increased risk of injury
- Alcohol Poisoning



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#### Underage Drinking Is a Serious Problem

- Most widely used substance among youth in the U.S.
  - 20% of youth (ages 14–15)
     have had at least one drink.
  - 5.6 million youth (ages 12–20) drank more than "just a few sips" in the past month.

## What Counts as One Standard Drink?

Drink Type	Serving Size	Alcohol Content
Beer	12 oz	5%
Wine	5 oz	12%
Liquor	1.5 oz	40%

# How Alcohol Affects Your Body and Brain

- Impaired brain development in teens
- Poor decision-making and risky behavior
- Alcohol poisoning and liver damage
- Injuries from accidents or violence

#### Do NOT Drink and Drive

- Legal consequences:
  - fines
  - o jail time
  - license suspension
- It's never safe, even after "just a few drinks"

# Alcohol Overdose Warning Signs

- Vomiting
- Shallow breathing
- Seizures
- Hypothermia
- Loss of consciousness
- Call 911 immediately if you suspect an alcohol overdose.

#### Stay Safe

- Know what a "drink" really means
- Understand how alcohol affects your body
- Don't let peer pressure affect your choices
- If someone is drinking, look out for the signs of danger