# **Alcohol Awareness**



## **Understanding Alcohol Harm**

The short and long-term effects of alcohol can impact your health and wellbeing, appearance, and lifestyle. Armed with the facts you can make an informed choice about your drinking.

Aim to drink no more than 14 units a week

### Brain and nervous system **INCREASED RISK OF:** Brain damage Memory loss Stroke Nerve damage **Breasts INCREASED RISK OF:** Cancer Lungs **INCREASED RISK OF:** Inflammation - usually from infections Liver **INCREASED RISK OF:** Swelling and pain

#### **Mental health** INCREASED RISK OF:

Mood disorders, such as depression and anxiety Alcohol dependence

#### Mouth, throat and voice box

**INCREASED RISK OF:** Cancer

#### Heart and circulation

**INCREASED RISK OF:** 

Cardiovascular disease High blood pressure

#### Stomach and food pipe

**INCREASED RISK OF:** 

Alcoholic liver disease such as cirrhosis Cancer

Intestines

**INCREASED RISK OF:** Inflamed lining Cancer



Inflamed lining and bleeding Cancer of the food pipe

#### **Pancreas**

**INCREASED RISK OF:** Inflammation and damage **Pancreatitis** 

If you are concerned about how much alcohol you are drinking, you can speak to your pharmacist or visit: gov.je/alcoholawareness for further information, resources, support and self-assessment tools.

