



Standard drinks

How strong is alcohol?

Different alcoholic drinks have different strengths. A middy of beer has a lot less alcohol than a middy of vodka. All alcoholic drinks contain a substance in it called ethanol (pure alcohol). The strength of an alcoholic drink depends on the amount of ethanol it contains.

By law, alcoholic drinks containers must be labelled to show how much alcohol they contain. This is known as the percentage alcohol by volume (%). The higher the number, the stronger the drink.

