Alcohol and Medications

Since the liver is responsible for metabolizing alcohol and drugs, potentially dangerous alcohol-drug interactions can occur in both light and heavy drinkers. If you take prescription or over the

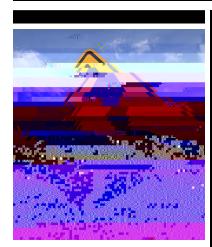
Cannabis is not strictly a depressant as it can have both depressant and hallucinogenic effects. When used in combination with alcohol, it can decrease alertness and motor and intellectual skills

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When alcohol is taken with opiates, such as morphine, heroin, codeine, pethidine or methadone, there can be an increase in the CNS depressant effects of these drugs.

Approximately one in four opiate deaths involve a combination of opiates and alcohol

Harmful Interactions: Mixing Alcohol with Other Drugs



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- Alcohol and medicines can interact harmfully even if they are not taken at the same time
- Women and older people are at higher-risk for harmful alcoholmedication reactions
- Certain medications contain up to 10 percent alcohol. Cough syrup and laxatives have some of the highest alcohol concentration.