



Alcohol and cancer in the WHO European Region

Cancer is linked to a number of modifiable risk factors, **including alcohol use.**

One of the ways that **alcohol (as ethanol)** can cause cancer is through **DNA damage.**



In the **WHO European Region alone**, alcohol is responsible for about

190 000
new cancer cases
every year

520
new cancer cases
every day

Estimated number of new cancer cases attributable to alcohol drinking in the WHO European Region, both sexes, 2020

