

# AIDS, Alcohol, and Drugs

Alcohol and other drugs do not cause HIV infection or other sexually transmissible diseases. However, alcohol and drugs are often major factors when people have unsafe sex. Alcohol and other drugs can impair judgment and limit your ability to communicate effectively. Alcohol and some drugs (including cocaine, marijuana and designer drugs) may damage the immune system itself, making individuals more susceptible to infectious diseases.

**Note: The use of any substance used intravenously, with needle sharing, increases the risk of AIDS and Hepatitis B.**

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