

# **ALCOHOL FACT SHEET**

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- Alcohol is a depressant: It slows the body's process.
- Alcohol is the most abused drug in the world.
- The average age for people to start drinking in the U.S. is 12.9 years.
- Drunk-driver crashes are the #1 cause of death for 15-24 year olds in the U.S.
- 80.7% of high school seniors have used alcohol.
- 52.5% of high school seniors have been drunk in their lifetime.
- 1 in 4 high school students drinks in quantities and with a frequency that indicates a problem.
- 1 in 4 children in every classroom lives in a home where someone is chemically dependent.
- Almost half of all high school seniors (48%) have used illicit drugs in their lifetime.

*Source: Monitoring The Future, University of Michigan, 1995.*