



1 in 10 young people who have drunk alcohol have ended up in trouble with the police.

Alcohol can reduce your child's inhibitions and make them do things which are out of character.

They can get involved in anti-social/criminal behaviour such as fights, damaging property or causing annoyance within a community. This could lead to your child being involved with the police.

This type of behaviour could get your child a criminal record which can make it harder for them to get a job when they're older. It can also affect them if they are going abroad because some countries may refuse entry to people with a criminal record.

Alcohol can make your child more likely to be:

- a victim of a violent assault or other crimes.

**It has been found that the younger people are when they drink the more likely they are to be a victim of violence.**

It can also make them more vulnerable to:

- injuries from accidents, for example falls and road accidents;
- using other drugs or solvents;
- unwanted sexual activity;
- unsafe sexual activity, which can lead to sexually transmitted infections (STI) or unplanned pregnancy;
- problems at school, such as poorer school performance or truancy;
- having difficulties in relationships with family or friends.