

## HOW DOES INTOXICATION OCCUR?

It's kind of like one of those word problems from elementary school. Almost all of the alcohol consumed is metabolized by the liver at a rate of about one half ounce of pure ethyl alcohol per hour (about the amount contained in one drink). This rate will vary from person to person. If the rate at which alcohol is absorbed into the blood stream EXCEEDS the rate at which it is metabolized, what happens? You're probably going to find yourself starting to feel the effects of drinking too much too quickly. Alcohol continues to circulate through all parts of the body until the liver has had enough time to work. That tipsy feeling occurs because the brain is the organ most affected by the alcohol you consume. You lose your "good sense" first.

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