

Commonly Used Medicines (Both Prescription and Over-the-Counter) That Interact With Alcohol

Symptom/Disorders	Medication (Brand name)	Medication (Generic name)	Some possible reactions with alcohol
Allergies/Colds/Flu	Alavert®	Loratadine	Drowsiness, dizziness; increased risk for overdose
	Atarax®	Hydroxyzine	
	Benadryl®	Diphenhydramine	
	Clarinex®	Desloratadine	
	Claritin®, Claritin-D®	Loratadine	
	Dimetapp® Cold & Allergy	Brompheniramine	
	Sudafed® Sinus & Allergy	Chlorpheniramine	
	Triaminic® Cold & Allergy	Chlorpheniramine	
	Tylenol® Allergy Sinus	Chlorpheniramine	
	Tylenol® Cold & Flu	Chlorpheniramine	
Zyrtec®	Cetirizine		
Angina (chest pain), coronary heart disease	Isordil®	Isosorbide Nitroglycerin	Rapid heartbeat, sudden changes in blood pressure, dizziness, fainting
Anxiety and epilepsy	Ativan®	Lorazepam	Drowsiness, dizziness; increased risk for overdose; slowed or difficulty breathing; impaired motor control; unusual behavior; memory problems
	BuSpar®	Buspirone	
	Klonopin®	Clonazepam	
	Librium®	Chlordiazepoxide	
	Paxil®	Paroxetine	
	Valium®	Diazepam	

	Xanax®	Alprazolam	
	Herbal preparations (Kava Kava)		Liver damage, drowsiness
Arthritis	Celebrex®	Celecoxib	Ulcers, stomach bleeding, liver damage
	Naprosyn®	Naproxen	
	Voltaren®	Diclofenac	
Attention and concentration (Attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder)	Adderall®	Amphetamine/dextro-amphetamine	Dizziness, drowsiness, impaired concentration (methylphenidate, dexamethylphenidate); possible increased risk for heart problems (amphetamine, dextroamphetamine, lisdexamfetamine); liver damage (atomoxetine)
	Concerta®, Ritalin®	Methylphenidate	
	Dexedrine®	Dextroamphetamine	
	Focalin®	Dexamethylphenidate	
	Strattera®	Atomoxetine	
	Vyvanse®	Lisdexamfetamine	
Blood clots	Coumadin®	Warfarin	Occasional drinking may lead to internal bleeding; heavier drinking also may cause bleeding or may have the opposite effect, resulting in possible blood clots, strokes, or heart attacks
Cough	Delsym®, Robitussin Cough®	Dextromethorpan	Drowsiness, dizziness; increased risk for overdose
	Robitussin A-C®	Guaifenesin + codeine	
Depression	Abilify®	Aripiprazone	Drowsiness, dizziness; increased risk for overdose; increased feelings of depression or hopelessness (all medications); impaired motor control (quetiapine, mirtazapine); increased alcohol effect (bupropion); liver damage (duloxetine) Monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs), such as tranylcypromine and phenelzine, when combined with alcohol, may result in
	Anafranil®	Clomipramine	
	Celexa®	Citalopram	
	Clozaril®	Clozapine	
	Cymbalta®	Duloxetine	
	Desyrel®	Trazodone	
	Effexor®	Venlafaxine	

	Elavil®	Amitriptyline	serious heart-related side effects. Risk for dangerously high blood pressure is increased when MAOIs are mixed with tyramine, a byproduct found in beer and red wine
	Geodon®	Ziprasidone	
	Invega®	Paliperidone	
	Lexapro®	Escitalopram	
	Luvox®	Fluvoxamine	
	Nardil®	Phenelzine	
	Norpramin®	Desipramine	
	Pamate®	Tranlycypromine	
	Paxil®	Paroxetine	
	Pristiq®	Desevenlafaxine	
	Prozac®	Fluoxetine	
	Remeron®	Mirtazapine	
	Risperdal®	Risperidone	
	Seroquel®	Quetiapine	
	Serzone®	Nefazodone	
	Symbyax®	Fluoxetine/Olanzapine	
	Wellbutrin®	Bupropion	
	Zoloft®	Sertraline	
	Zyprexa®	Olanzapine	
	Herbal preparations (St. John's Wort)		
Diabetes	Diabinese®	Chlorpropamide	Abnormally low blood sugar levels, flushing reaction (nausea, vomiting, headache, rapid heartbeat, sudden changes in blood pressure); symptoms of nausea and weakness may occur (metformin)
	Glucotrol®	Glipizide	
	Glucophage®	Metformin	
	Glynase®, DiaBeta®	Glyburide	

	Micronase®		
	Orinase®	Tolbutamide	
	Tolinase®	Tolazamide	
Enlarged prostate	Cardura®	Doxazosin	Dizziness, light headedness, fainting
	Flomax®	Tamsulosin	
	Hytrin®	Terazosin	
	Minipress®	Prazosin	
Heartburn, indigestion, sour stomach	Axid®	Nizatidine	Rapid heartbeat; increased alcohol effect; sudden changes in blood pressure (metoclopramide)
	Reglan®	Metoclopramide	
	Tagamet®	Cimetidine	
	Zantac®	Ranitidine	
High blood pressure	Accupril®	Quinapril	Dizziness, fainting, drowsiness; heart problems such as changes in the heart's regular heartbeat (arrhythmia)
	Calan®	Verapamil	
	Capozide®	Hydrochlorothiazide	
	Cardura®	Doxazosin	
	Catapres®	Clonidine	
	Cozaar®	Losartan	
	Hytrin®	Terazosin	
	Lopressor® HCT	Hydrochlorothiazide	
	Lotensin®	Benzapril	
	Minipress®	Prazosin	
	Norvasc®	Amlodipine mesylate	
	Prinivil®, Zestril®	Lisinopril	
Vaseretic®	Enalapril		
High cholesterol	Advicor®	Lovastatin + Niacin	Liver damage (all medications); increased

	Altacor®	Lovastatin	flushing and itching (niacin), increased stomach bleeding (pravastatin + aspirin)
	Crestor®	Rosuvastatin	
	Lipitor®	Atorvastatin	
	Mevacor®	Lovastatin	
	Niaspan®	Niacin	
	Pravachol®	Pravastatin	
	Pravigard™	Pravastatin + Aspirin	
	Vytorin™	Ezetimibe + Simvastatin	
	Zocor®	Simvastatin	
Infections	Acrodantin®	Nitrofurantoin	Fast heartbeat, sudden changes in blood pressure; stomach pain, upset stomach, vomiting, headache, or flushing or redness of the face; liver damage (isoniazid, ketoconazole)
	Flagyl®	Metronidazole	
	Grisactin®	Griseofulvin	
	Nizoral®	Ketoconazole	
	Nydrazid®	Isoniazid	
	Seromycin®	Cycloserine	
	Tindamax®	Tinidazole	
	Zithromax®	Azithromycin	
Mood stabilizers	Depakene® , Depakote®	Valproic acid	Drowsiness, dizziness; tremors; increased risk for side effects, such as restlessness, impaired motor control; loss of appetite; stomach upset; irregular bowel movement; joint or muscle pain; depression; liver damage (valproic acid)
	Eskalith®, Eskalith®C R, Lithobid	Lithium	
Muscle pain	Flexeril®	Cyclobenzaprine	Drowsiness, dizziness; increased risk of seizures; increased risk for overdose; slowed or difficulty breathing; impaired motor control; unusual behavior; memory problems
	Soma®	Carisoprodol	
Nausea, motion sickness	Antivert®	Meclizine	Drowsiness, dizziness; increased risk for overdose
	Dramamine	Dimenhydrinate	

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	Phenergan®	Promethazine	
Pain (such as muscle ache, minor arthritis pain), fever, inflammation	Advil®	Ibuprofen	Stomach upset, bleeding and ulcers; liver damage (acetaminophen); rapid heartbeat
	Aleve®	Naproxen	
	Excedrin®	Aspirin, Acetaminophen	
	Motrin®	Ibuprofen	
	Tylenol®	Acetaminophen	
Seizures	Dilantin®	Phenytoin	Drowsiness, dizziness; increased risk of seizures (levetiracetam, phenytoin); unusual behavior and changes in mental health (such as thoughts of suicide) (topiramate)
	Horizant®, Neurontin®	Gabapentin	
	Keppra®	Levetiracetam	
	Klonopin®	Clonazepam	
		Phenobarbital	
	Lamictal®	Lamotrigine	
	Lyrica®	Pregabalin	
	Tegretol®	Carbamazepine	
	Topamax®	Topiramate	
	Trileptal®	Oxcarbazepine	
	Barbiturates		
Severe pain from injury, postsurgical care, oral surgery, migraines	Darvocet-N®	Propoxyphene	Drowsiness, dizziness; increased risk for overdose; slowed or difficulty breathing; impaired motor control; unusual behavior; memory problems
	Demerol®	Meprobamate	
	Fiorinal® with codeine	Butalbital + codeine	
	Percocet®	Oxycodone	
	Vicodin®	Hydrocodone	
Sleep problems	Ambien®	Zolpidem	Drowsiness, sleepiness, dizziness; slowed or difficulty breathing; impaired motor control; unusual
	Lunesta™	Eszopiclone	

	Prosom™	Estazolam	behavior; memory problems
	Restoril®	Temazepam	
	Sominex®	Diphenhydramine	
	Unisom®	Doxylamine	
	Herbal preparations (chamomile, valerian, lavender)		Increased drowsiness