

Should we have cancer warnings on alcohol?

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The [New York Times](#) has reported that:

Alcohol is a leading preventable cause of cancer, and alcoholic beverages should carry a warning label as packs of cigarettes do, the U.S. surgeon general said on Friday.

Should we do the same?

The reason is compelling. Alcohol does seriously increase the risk of cancer. The sugars in it, and related chemicals, are much the problem. They create the opportunities for cancer cells to grow, a fact known to oncologists as they use glucose as the marker to find cancer cells when testing for the disease.

And yet, cancer sufferers in the UK are not warned off alcohol to assist disease management and to prevent the risk of recurrence, and nor are health warnings given on alcohol.

Why not, is the question?