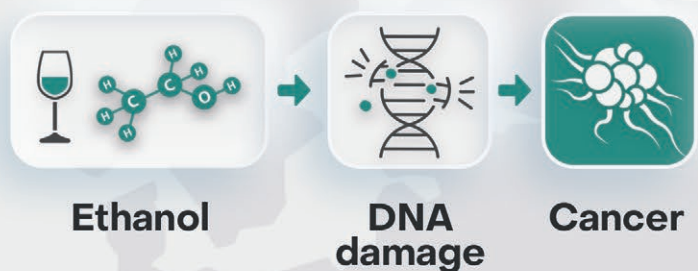




# Alcohol and cancer in the WHO European Region

Cancer is linked to a number of modifiable risk factors, **including alcohol use**.

One of the ways that **alcohol (as ethanol)** can cause cancer is through **DNA damage**.



In the **WHO European Region alone**, alcohol is responsible for about

**190 000**  
new cancer cases  
every year

**520**  
new cancer cases  
every day

Estimated number of new cancer cases attributable to alcohol drinking in the WHO European Region, both sexes, 2020

