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People who use both alcohol and tobacco have a 5 times higher risk of developing cancers of the oral cavity, oropharynx, larynx, and oesophagus, compared with people who use either alcohol or tobacco alone.



For heavy users, the risk is up to 30 times higher.

Not smoking and not drinking alcohol is better for cancer prevention.

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