Alcohol and Teenagers (12-17yrs)

In WA, fewer teenagers are choosing to drink alcohol. However, of those who drank in the last week, many are drinking at harmful levels.

Of young people who drank recently* behaviours included:

- 23% Arguing
- 34% Vomiting
- 13% Hitting someone or having a fight

Research shows that approximately:

- 1 in 3 teenagers had never tried alcohol.
- 1 in 7 drank alcohol in the last week.

Of those who drank in the last week:

- Almost 1 in 3 drank at levels considered harmful for adults.
- The average amount consumed was 6.2 standard drinks.

2 in 3 parents choose not to provide alcohol and it’s reducing alcohol-related harm.

For under 18’s, NO alcohol is the safest choice

* ‘Recently’ is defined as during the last week. However, behaviour could have occurred anytime during the last year. Every reasonable effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this resource at the time of publication. For more information go to: alcoholthinkagain.com.au