Alcohol AND LAWS in Italy
What is alcoholism?

With the word alcoholism we identify the abuse of alcohol and its physical consequences. Anyone who takes in lots of alcohol for a long time can become an alcoholic. A person usually starts drinking to follow the trend or because he has got some problems. In Italy you must be 16 years old to buy alcohol.
## Laws about drinking and driving

This table is about the drinking and driving and shows the relatives penalties for drunk driving.

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<th>ALCOHOLIC RATE</th>
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| -Between 0.5 and 0.8 g/l (grams for liter) | -Penalty from 500 euro to 2000 euro  
-Driving license suspension from 3 to 6 months |
| -Between 0.8 and 1.5 g/l        | -Penalty from 800 euro to 3200 euro  
-Arrest up to 3 months  
-Driving license suspension from 6 to 12 months |
| -Over 1.5 g/l                   | -Penalty from 1500 euro to 6000 euro  
-Arrest up to 6 months  
-Driving license suspension from 1 to 2 years |
Laws about the sale of alcohol to minors

ARTICLE 689 of the penal code.

Service of alcoholic beverages to minors or the mentally ill.

The operator in a tavern or other public food or drinks store, who administered in a public place or open to the public, alcoholic beverages, to a less than 16 years of age, or person appearing suffering from mental disease, or that shows manifest signs of mental deficiency due to another illness, shall be punished with a fine from € 516 to € 2,582 or the penalty of staying home from 15 days to 45 days or the penalty of community service from 20 days to 6 months, pursuant art. 52.

If the act results in drunkenness, the penalty is increased. The sentence involves the closing of the store.
Laws about the sale of alcohol

Art. 53 (Measures for the prevention of injury and road traffic accidents related to alcohol consumption)

In service areas along the highways is prohibited the sale of spirits to take away from 22.00 to 6.00.

The violation is punishable by a fine from 2,500 to 7,000 euro.

In the same areas is prohibited the use of spirits from 22.00 to 6.00 am and the administration of alcoholic beverages from 2.00 am to 6.00 am.

The violation is punishable by a fine from 3,500 to 10,500 euro.
Laws about the sale of alcohol

Art. 54 (Changes to the regulations of the administration and sale of alcohol at night) prohibits the sale and supply of alcoholic drinks and spirits in nightclubs from 3 o'clock to 6 o'clock. It also introduces the obligation for bars, restaurants, hotels that continue the activity beyond midnight, to adopt a voluntary alcohol test for the detection of alcohol in the blood from customers before leaving the room.

The fine ranges from 300 to 1200 euro.

Derogations from the mayor, but only a couple of times a year, are on the night of August 15 and December 31.
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