

Methanol-Contaminated Drinks Can Lead to **FATALITIES**

Seek immediate medical help at nearest hospital if you have any of these symptoms after consuming alcohol :-



Breathing Difficulty



Stomach Pain



Blurred Vision



Nausea or Vomitting



Diarrhea



Extreme Dizziness, Severe Headache



Leg cramps



Seizure



Coma



Faint

Methanol is extremely poisonous.
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Methanol : What you Need to Know

What is METHANOL?



Methanol also known as methyl alcohol is a chemical compound widely used in automotive industries, plastic synthesis and as fuel. It is a colourless, volatile and non-edible liquid.

What kind of food/drink usually contaminated with METHANOL?



Alcoholic beverages are usually contaminated with methanol.

What is the effect of METHANOL ingestion on health?



Methanol metabolized into toxic compound in the body causing symptoms such as stomach pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, extreme dizziness, severe headache, blurred vision, leg cramps, difficulty in breathing, coma and may lead to death. Survivors may have visual impairment or permanent blindness.

Legislation on METHANOL misuse?



Section 13 of the Food Act 1983 stipulates that any person who prepares or sells any food that has in or upon it any substance which is poisonous, harmful or otherwise injurious to health commits an offence and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand ringgit or imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years or both.

What should the consumer do?



**Consumers must be sure that each food or beverage product purchased has label containing information such as producer, importer, agent distributor and ingredient. Be suspicious of alcoholic drinks offered for sale or at very low prices at non-licensed premises.
Avoid consuming home-brewed alcoholic beverages.**

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