Treating Alcoholism

Many people drink alcohol in moderation. But, heavy drinking puts the body in real danger. Over a period of time, large doses of alcohol be physically destructive, reducing a person's life span ten to twelve years, and causing damage to the heart, brain, liver and other major organs.

To help people know how to spot the danger signs of a drinking problem, and what to do about it, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has a booklet called Treating Alcolholism. For your copy send \$2.25 to the Consumer Information Center, Dept. 157K, Pueblo, Colorado 81009.

How do you know when drinking becomes a problem? Although it's hard to draw lines between social drinking, problem drinking, and alcoholism, generally speaking social drinking becomes problem drinking when its repeatedly harms the drinker or the family or friends.

If you answer any of the following questions positively, it may be time for you to do something about your own drinking behavior.

Does your personality or behavior change after you've been drinking? Do you get drunk often, or have have you ever been arrested as a result of drinking? Do you have family or job problems because of drinking? Do you ever drink before you go to work? Do you drive a car while you're drunk, or have you been injured while intoxicated? Have you been advised to stop or reduce your drinking by a physician? Do you have financial problems because of drinking?

One sign of alcohol becoming a more serious problem is the need to increasing drink amounts of alcohol to achieve the same effects that once took place after just a few drinks. This eventually leads to loss of control over drinking. "Blackouts", or the inability to remember what happened while drinking, are another symptom of serious drinking.

One way to test just to see just how much you depend on drinking and how much you can control it, is to try to stop drinking for 30 to 90 days. If you have trouble doing this, you may have a drinking problem.

For many people, programs in the community are the best source of help. For example, Aicoholics Anonymous, listed in your local telephone directory, is a voluntary fellowship of alcoholic people whose sole purpose is to help themselves and each other get sober, stay sober and mend their lives. Membership is open and free of charge to anyone who needs

help.
When you order_-Alcoholism Treating (\$2,25), you also receive a free copy of the Consumer Information Published Catalog. quarterly by the Con-Information sumer Center of the General Services Administration. the free Catalog lists over 200 selected free and low-cost-federal consumer booklets.

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