

Dear Alcohol,

First and foremost, let me tell you that I'm a huge fan of yours. As my friend you always seem to be there when needed. The perfect post-work daiquiri, a glass of wine on the weekend, you're even around on the holidays, or hidden inside chocolates as you warm us when we're stuck in the midst of endless family gatherings.

However, lately I've been wondering about your intentions. While I want to believe that you have my best interests at heart, I feel that your influence has led to some unwise consequences:

1. **PHONE CALLS** While I agree with you that communication is important, I question the suggestion that any conversation of substance or necessity takes place after 2AM. Why would you make me call those ex-girlfriends/boyfriends, when I know they do not want to hear from me during the day, let alone all hours of the night?
2. **EATING** Now, you know I love a good meal, but why do you suggest that I eat a kebab, a butter chicken curry along with a sausage with cheese, onion and mustard (washed down with WINE and topped off with a Kit Kat, after a few sweet chilli and sour cream red rock deli chips)? I'm an eclectic eater, but I think you went to far this time.
3. **CLUMSINESS** Unless you're subtly trying to tell me that I need to do more yoga and improve my balance, I see NO need to hammer the issue home by causing me to fall down. It's completely unnecessary, and the black and blue marks that appear on my body mysteriously the next day are beyond me. Similarly, it should never take me more than 45 minutes to get the front door key in the lock.
4. **FUTHERMORE** The hangovers have GOT to stop. This is getting ridiculous, I know a little penance for a previous evening's debauchery may be in order, but the 3PM hangover immobility is completely unacceptable. My entire day is shot. I ask that, if the proper precautions are taken (water, Vitamin B, bread products, aspirin) prior to going to sleep/passing out face down on the kitchen floor with a bag of popcorn, the hangover should be minimal and in no way interfere with my daily activities.

Alcohol, I have enjoyed our friendship for some years now and would like to ensure that we remain on good terms. You've been the invoker of great stories, the provocation for much laughter, and the needed companion when I just don't know what to do with the extra money in my pockets.

In order to continue this friendship, I ask that you carefully review my grievances above and address them immediately, I will look for an answer no later than Thursday 3PM (pre- happy hour) on your possible solutions and hopefully we can continue this fruitful partnership.

Thank you, your Biggest Fan.