The Risks of Alcohol

The majority of drunk driving accidents happen around the age of nineteen. In Canada, that happens to be around the same time that you can start drinking liquor. Young drivers are too irresponsible, and should not be allowed to drink at the current age. If we were to postpone drinking until a higher age, less young drivers would have the chance of driving drunk. In fact, it is estimated that over 1250 Canadians are killed, and about 63,000 more are injured by impaired transport each year. Alcohol is much too dangerous to have at a young age. **We should raise the drinking age of alcohol to twenty-five**.

Firstly, recent studies have shown that the brain does not stop maturing until the age of twenty-five, not eighteen. Since liquor is a depressant, it will harm your encephalon. As you know, your brain is a very important part of your body. As it controls the majority of your body, and you would not want to ruin it by drinking beer, or wine. You have heard what people say, that bad things happen when you drink in your junior years. What if twenty-five and under is in the child era, not young adult. That means that bad side effects could happen at a young age.

Secondly, if we keep the age for spirits at nineteen, then kids will be drinking at the time they get their driving license. Even though you are warned multiple times, people are too immature for driving at the same age. It is estimated that of about 2500 Canadian fatalities that occurred in 2010, about forty percent is caused by use of alcohol. If we continue this, we will practically be killing one thousand Canadians a year. That is an egregious streak for Canadians, and it will not be fixed with more cautious road signs.

Lastly, liquor intake at a lower decade such as the tens and twenties, could affect your social life. You might try and pressure your friends in all sorts of ways, such as making them drink and drive. Also, from ages 21 through 24, some young adults go on a binge of liquor, mostly resulting in addiction. If you had a good group of friends, but then you became addicted in high school, you may find yourselves not talking to them anymore. People may not be able to attend parties, because they were drinking at a young time, and had to stop going near liquor due to this earlier addiction. People are not their normal selves, and then nobody will be their friend in school, maybe even all the way through university.

In conclusion, the consumption of liquor should be prolonged, because of side effects that could change your life. Ruining the brain of a human could lead to disastrous results, such as blackouts, or memory losses. Drunk driving may leave you or others hurt or possibly killed. Finally, drinking in high school will drop your social record, and may leave many feeling pressured. The age of consuming alcohol should be changed, because younger ages are not quite ready for it.