



How much sugar is in my drink?

Harmful effects of sugary beverages on your teeth:

- When the bacteria in your mouth are exposed to sugar, they produce acid as a waste product.
- This acid is what causes tooth decay, which is why we should limit the amount of sugar we eat.
- It's also important to limit the exposure of sugar to teeth, because each time sugar is introduced to the mouth, the "acid attack" lasts for 20 minutes.



A few tips to limit sugar exposure to teeth:

- Drink with a straw. This helps liquid to bypass your teeth.
- Enjoy sugary drinks during meal times. Food helps to buffer acid, and the act of eating helps to naturally clean the teeth.
- Drink sugary drinks all at once rather than sipping throughout the day.
- Swish with water after drinking or eating sugar.



*1 teaspoon (spoonful) = 4 grams of sugar



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