



CAGE Substance Abuse Screening Tool

***Directions:* Ask yourself these four questions and use the scoring method described below to determine if substance abuse exists and needs to be addressed.**

CAGE Questions

1. Have you ever felt you should cut down on your drinking?
 2. Have people annoyed you by criticizing your drinking?
 3. Have you ever felt bad or guilty about your drinking?
 4. Have you ever had a drink first thing in the morning to steady your nerves or to get rid of a hangover (eye-opener)?
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CAGE Questions Adapted to Include Drug Use (CAGE-AID)

1. Have you ever felt you ought to cut down on your drinking or drug use?
2. Have people annoyed you by criticizing your drinking or drug use?
3. Have you felt bad or guilty about your drinking or drug use?
4. Have you ever had a drink or used drugs first thing in the morning to steady your nerves or to get rid of a hangover (eye-opener)?

***Scoring:* Item responses on the CAGE questions are scored 0 for "no" and 1 for "yes" answers, with a higher score being an indication of alcohol problems. A total score of two or greater is considered clinically significant.**

CAGE is derived from the four questions of the tool: Cut down, Annoyed, Guilty, and Eye-opener.

CAGE Source: Ewing 1984