

# Pregnancy warning labels for packaged alcoholic beverages

(as required by the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code)

**Downloadable labels**

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# Introduction

New requirements for mandatory pregnancy warning labels on packaged alcoholic beverages were gazetted in the [Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code](#) (the Code) on **31 July 2020**.

Businesses have three years from 31 July 2020 to implement these requirements.

This document provides downloadable pregnancy warning labels required by the Code.

## Definitions

Definitions for terms used in the Code requirements for pregnancy warning labels that are used this document are outlined below:

**Individual unit** means a container that:

- (a) is an innermost package; and
- (b) contains a beverage with more than 1.15% alcohol by volume.

**Pregnancy warning pictogram** means the following pictogram with the silhouette of a pregnant woman holding a wine glass within a circle with a strikethrough.



**Pregnancy warning mark** means the following image comprising:

- (a) the pregnancy warning pictogram,
- (b) the signal words 'Pregnancy Warning' and
- (c) the statement 'Alcohol can cause lifelong harm to your baby' all within a border.



**Pregnancy warning label** means either the pregnancy warning pictogram or the pregnancy warning mark.

**Prescribed alcoholic beverage** means a beverage that:

- (a) has more than 1.15% alcohol by volume; and
- (b) either:
  - (i) is for retail sale; or
  - (ii) is sold as suitable for retail sale without any further processing, packaging or labelling; and
- (c) does not include a beverage that:
  - (i) is sold for retail sale; and
  - (ii) is packaged in the presence of the purchaser.

**Size of type** means the measurement from the base to the top of a letter or numeral.

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# Label suite

## Label Type 1 - Pregnancy Warning Mark

Prescribed alcoholic beverage/individual unit with a volume over 200 ml but not over 800 ml.



## Label Type 2 - Pregnancy Warning Mark

Prescribed alcoholic beverage/individual unit with a volume over 800 ml.



## Label Type 3 - Pregnancy Warning Mark

Outer package<sup>1</sup> of prescribed alcoholic beverage with a volume:

- over 200 ml
- over 200 ml with more than one individual unit in the package
- not over 200 ml with more than one individual unit in the package.



## Label Type 4 - Pregnancy Warning Pictogram

- Prescribed alcoholic beverage/individual unit with a volume not over 200 ml.
- Outer package<sup>1</sup> of a prescribed alcoholic beverage with a volume not over 200 ml and packaging that includes only one individual unit.



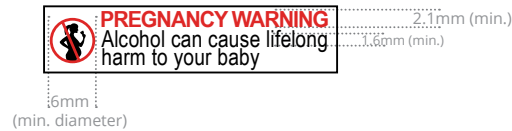
<sup>1</sup> A transportation outer is not required by section 2.7.1—8 of the Code to display a pregnancy warning label.

# Label elements

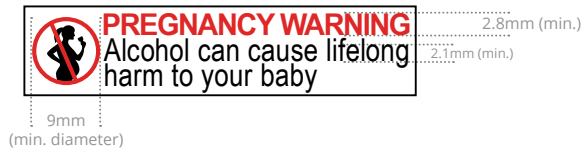
## Font and pictogram sizes

Each pregnancy warning label must comply with minimum size requirements for size of type and pictogram diameter.

### Label Type 1



### Label Type 2



### Label Type 3



### Label Type 4



## Font type

The Signal Words 'PREGNANCY WARNING' must be:

- UPPER CASE
- bold
- a sans serif typeface.

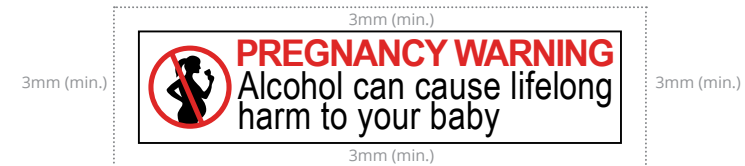
The Statement 'Alcohol can cause lifelong harm to your baby' must be:

- Sentence case
- a sans serif typeface.

## Clear space around the pregnancy warning mark

The pregnancy warning mark must be displayed on the package with a clear space that surrounds the outside of the border of the pregnancy warning mark and is at least 3 mm in width.

Example uses Label Type 3.



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# Label colours

Each pregnancy warning label must comply with the colour requirements.

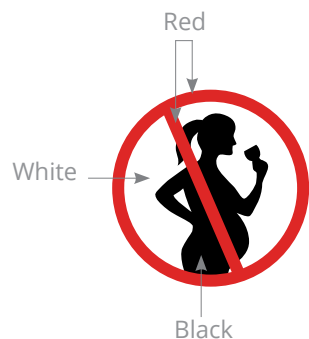
Pregnancy warning mark must be in the following colours:

- **Signal words** - RED
- **Statement** - BLACK
- **Border** - BLACK
- **Background** within the border - WHITE
- **Silhouette of pregnant woman** - BLACK
- **Pictogram circle and strikethrough** - RED
- **Background** within pictogram - WHITE



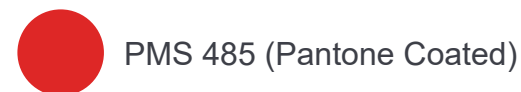
Pregnancy warning pictogram must be in the following colours:

- **Silhouette of pregnant woman** - BLACK
- **Pictogram circle and strikethrough** - RED
- **Background** within pictogram - WHITE

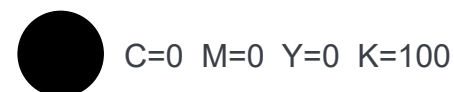
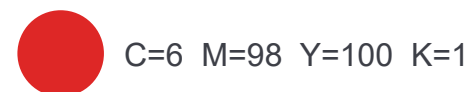


[Downloadable labels](#) use PMS 485. Other variations of red are permitted. CMYK versions are also available.

## Spot Colour



## CMYK



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# Downloadable label files

Label files are available for download in the following file formats:

## **Encapsulated PostScript (EPS)**

*(used for pre-print, opens in graphic programs i.e. Illustrator, InDesign - editable)*

Available in spot colour and CMYK

## **High resolution JPEG**

*(multi-use - not editable)*

Available in CMYK

## **PDF**

*(used for sharing and printing - not editable)*

Available in CMYK

To download the labels and for further information, visit the [Pregnancy Warning Labels Downloadable Files web page](#).

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