

SCIENCE NEWS IN NUMBERS

Researchers say teetotallers have up to a 50% higher risk of absence from work for a range of physical and mental ailments.

The Finnish Institute of Occupational Health analysed absence records and survey results from more than **47,000 people in Britain, France and Finland.**

Both **excessive and non-drinkers** were between **20% and 50%** more likely to take a significant amount of

time off work for ailments, including mental disorders, muscles and bone problems and some illnesses.

Women who consumed **between one and 11 units of alcohol a week**, and men who consumed **between one and 34 units**, had the lowest risk of taking at least a week off.



2 MONTHS

In a **study of 38 women** (25 full-term and 13 preterm deliveries), all at elevated risk of delivering preterm, non-invasive blood tests were able to accurately classify women who delivered preterm up to **2 months in advance of labour.**

ALCOHOL AND ABSENCE

"SYPHILIS DOUBLES IN A DECADE"

Syphilis is relatively uncommon, making up **less than 2%** of diagnosed sexually-transmitted infections in England in 2017.

However, there has been a steady rise with the number of diagnosed cases **more than doubling in a decade:** 7,137 last year, up from 2,874 in 2008.



1,956 NAILS PAINTED

The Indian charity **OYE Foundation** has broken two Guinness World Records, in a bid to raise awareness about the prevention of breast cancer.

It held the largest female health awareness lesson ever, which a record-breaking **1,919 girls** attended.

After which **1,956 girls painted their nails pink** for breast cancer awareness.



49 TEA TOWELS

Scientists from the University of Mauritius examined 100 tea towels that had been used for a month and found 49 had bacteria growth.

OF THESE THAT TESTED POSITIVE:

36.7% had coliform bacteria (which includes *E. coli*)

36.7% had *enterococcus spp*

14.3% had *staphylococcus aureus*

