Drinking!

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What is the best way to drink? I know many of you will be thinking 'who cares?', but it's actually a very important question. What happens if you spill liquids all over your keyboard, or even worse, your laptop? There are some cups/glasses/etc. that are more hazardous than others. Not such a dumb monologue now, is it?

First up: Tall wine glasses...

These are SO easy to knock over. Making things worse, wine is usually stored in them. (Unless you're feeling rebellious). Get wine over your clothes and they will be ruined. Get it on electrical equipment and you'll make it sticky AND inoperable. Quite frankly, these wine glasses suck. And why do they have to be so thin? Breaking them is a very real possibility.

More rounded wine glasses...

Not all wine glasses are truly malevolent. Many have a wider over all shape with sturdy bottoms. However, they're not perfect. In between the tops and bottoms are worryingly thin and unstable strips of glass that are meant for hands to grip. Not even the largest bottom can stop a clumsy, accidental swipe of the arm.

Super-fancy wine glasses...

There are some wine glasses out there that are beautifully decorated and are interestingly coloured, but they are so expensive it's too risky to use them. Sure use them for special occasions, but use them all the time? You're either rich or you've just robbed a rich man. Be suspicious of users of this cutlery.

Pyramid shaped glasses...

These are perfect when it comes to tabletop safety as they are almost impossible to knock over. However, they are extremely easy to drop. If they are good or bad on the whole is a pointless question however, as these kinds of glasses don't exist.

Study, cylinder glasses...

Perhaps the best all rounders. Sure they may not be much to look at, but if they're strong enough, they can survive a drop from a small height. And they certainly do the job with only a moderate risk of spilling.

China cups...

Much tougher than the previous examples, but you don't know what you're getting with china. At least with glass you have the security of knowing when you're eating a doomed fly or whatever. Ok, flies float, don't they? You don't know if you're drinking sand in a china cup though, do you? To be fair though, cups are often stylish.

China mugs...

Not so stylish, but are perhaps even more durable than china cups. But again, what about sand??

Paper cups...

Here you get the dark secrecy of china mixed with a sense of extreme feebleness. Sure, use them at a children's party where you intend to throw them away afterwards, but the same one all the time? You know paper dissolves, right? On the plus side, getting injured by a paper cup is extremely unlikely.

Plastic cups...

Again, not great, but at least plastic cups are that extra bit more durable. However, beware of pranksters puncturing the bottoms with a pen/pencil. You'll get drink all over you.

Sports trophies...

You drink from sports trophies? What kind of narcissist are you? You probably won't break a sports trophy unless it was cheap and you won it by swimming fifty or so meters, but how will you look drinking from one?

Bowls...

Bowls?? Well if you can drink soup from a bowl, why not water for example? Got you there. These items are EXTREMELY difficult to knock over, but like pyramid glasses, they are easy to drop. Especially because they are the heaviest containers on this list so far. A little hard to drink out of maybe, but it won't make you look arrogant. Quite the opposite.

Thermos flasks...

Don't be fooled by the formidable appearances and the fact they are often made of metal; thermos flasks are still easy to knock over and ruin your electronics with. However, if you drop them you are more or less 100% safe.

Ok, that was twelve items to drink with. What do I think is the all round winner? For the detectives out there, this should be an easy one - remember when I said sturdy cylinder glasses were the best all rounders? That's what I meant. I know it may be easy to disbelieve what I say at times as it may be a little bit weird, but no, cylinders are my fave. They're not IMPRESSIVE and I would never brag about them or even show them to others, but they are my most used, that's what I'm saying. Bye!