

Video: Why can't I distill liquor at home?

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Credit: The American Chemical Society

Distilling liquor might be a relatively simple process—heating a fermented liquid and keeping only the boiled alcohol—but it is dangerous and illegal without a license.

To extract only alcohol from a mixture of many ingredients, scientists must explore boiling points and the [intermolecular forces](#) that shape them:

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