APA style for PowerPoint presentations

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A PowerPoint presentation should be treated as you would a research paper. You must provide citations and a bibliography (list of references) for your sources.

This includes any quotes, paraphrases, images, graphs, tables, data, audio and video files.

All oral citations must also appear as written citations in your slides. This means if you present in front of a live audience or record your presentation, any sources you mention must also appear on your slides in proper APA format.

Clip art does not require a citation.
The Binge Drinking Problem of Women and Girls

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Include the same information you would on the title page of an APA style research paper.
Binge Drinking Risks

“Binge drinking on Facebook is a highly public display shared with a multitude of known and unknown participants and observers” (Brown & Gregg, 2012 p. 363).

Remember that a PowerPoint presentation is a very visual way of communicating information. You want your text to be large enough to be read by your audience (presentations are often projected on a screen). A good font size range is usually 28 to 34. Your citation does not have to be the same size as the text.
Heavy drinkers are at a higher risk for breast cancer ("Alcoholism," 2008).

1 in 8

The number of women who say they binge drink (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2013).
Using Images

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Using Images cont.

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