

Alcohol Policy Resources & Media Archive

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Liquor Acts and Regulations in Canada

| Province/Territory | Acts | Regulations |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| Alberta | Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act | Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Regulation |
| British Columbia | Liquor Control and Licensing Act | Liquor Control and Licensing Regulation |
| Manitoba | The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Act The Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation Act | Regulations (61/2014 ; 82/2014 ; 64/2014 ; 63/2014 ; 66/2014 ; 83/2014) |
| New Brunswick | Liquor Control Act New Brunswick Liquor Corporation Act | Regulations (89-151 ; 2021-40) |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | Liquor Control Act Liquor Corporation Act | Liquor Licensing Regulations |
| Nova Scotia | Liquor Control Act Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation Regulations | Liquor Licensing Regulations |
| Northwest Territories | Liquor Act | Liquor Regulations |
| Nunavut | Liquor Act | Liquor Regulations |
| Ontario | Liquor License and Control Act | Regulations (745/21 ; 746/21 ; 747/21 ; 767/21) |
| Prince Edward Island | Liquor Control Act | Liquor Control Act Regulations Liquor Control Act Liquor Agency Regulations |
| Quebec | Act respecting the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux Act respecting liquor permits Act respecting offences relating to alcoholic beverages Act respecting the Société des alcools du Québec | |
| Saskatchewan | The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Act | The Alcohol Control Regulations |
| Yukon | Liquor Act Note: Liquor laws in Yukon are currently being updated. In 2019, the Commissioner of Yukon assented the new Liquor Act and regulations are under development. | Liquor Regulations Yukon Liquor Board Policy Manual |

Other alcohol policy evaluations

Books

Alcohol: No Ordinary Commodity, 3rd edition. (Babor et al., 2022) <https://global.oup.com/academic/product/alcohol-no-ordinary-commodity-9780192844484>
[Watch](#) Webinar recording: Alcohol policy: Where do we go from here? The release of the third edition of Alcohol: No Ordinary Commodity (EENet/CAMH, 2023)

Presentations

Webinar recording: Evaluating the Health Impacts of Alcohol Policies in Canada Using Innovative Methods (Public Health Ontario, 2024)

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/Event-Presentations/25/02/health-impacts-alcohol-policies.pdf>

[Watch](#) Effective Alcohol Policies [based on Alcohol: No Ordinary Commodity 3rd edition] (Babor, 2022)

[Watch](#) GAPA Virtual Event 2022 – presentations from Jurgen Rehm, Taisia Huckle, Thomas Babor and more on alcohol harms, policies and marketing and other topics (GAPA, 2022)

Journal Articles

Associations of state-level alcohol policies and population use rates with alcohol use and binge drinking among U.S. 4-year college students, 2008-2019 (Kerr et al., 2025, JSAD) <https://doi.org/10.15288/jsad.24-00355>

The impact of alcohol control policy on assaults and sexual assaults in Lithuania: An interrupted time-series analysis (Miščikienė et al., 2025, Public Health)

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.puhe.2025.03.027>

The impacts of policies controlling the spatial availability of take-away alcohol on consumption and harms: A systematic narrative review (Shakory et al., 2025, Addiction) <https://doi.org/10.1111/add.70070>

The effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of population-level policies to reduce alcohol use: A systematic umbrella review (Guindon et al., 2025, CJPH)

<https://doi.org/10.17269/s41997-025-01013-9>

Comparing alcohol policy environments in high-income jurisdictions with the International Alcohol Control Policy Index (Casswell et al., 2025, Drug and Alcohol Review) <https://doi.org/10.1111/dar.14020>

Evaluation of the national alcohol control strategy (Green Paper on Alcohol Policy) of Estonia (Rehm et al., 2025, Drug and Alcohol Review)

<https://doi.org/10.1111/dar.14024>

Why is alcohol so normalised in Europe? (2024, The Lancet Regional Health Europe) <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.lanepe.2024.101119>

Alcohol free? An analysis of UK and Scottish Government obesity policies' engagement with alcohol 1999–2023 (Young and Hawkins, 2024, PMC Public Health)

<https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12889-024-19852-5>

Global progress towards alcohol harm reduction insufficient (The Lancet Gastroenterology & Hepatology, 2024) [https://doi.org/10.1016/S2468-1253\(24\)00239-5](https://doi.org/10.1016/S2468-1253(24)00239-5)

Alcohol control policy and alcohol-attributable disease burden in Finland and the Baltic countries: A longitudinal study 1995–2019 (Månsson et al., 2024, Drug and Alcohol Review) <https://doi.org/10.1111/dar.13901>

Assessing the implementation of evidence-based alcohol policies on postsecondary campuses: A comparative analysis (Thompson et al., 2024, Canadian Journal of Public Health) <https://doi.org/10.17269/s41997-024-00907-4>

The UK Government's mandate for change must prioritise transformation of the public's health (Fenton et al., 2024, The Lancet)

[https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(24\)01432-6](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(24)01432-6)

Alcohol policy changes during the first three-months of the COVID-19 pandemic: Development and application of a classification scheme (Peña et al., 2024, International Journal of Drug Policy) <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugpo.2024.104373>

[Read](#) Reducing alcohol use through alcohol control policies in the general population and population subgroups: a systematic review and meta-analysis (Kilian et al., 2023, eClinical Medicine)

[Read](#) Effective alcohol policies are associated with reduced consumption among demographic groups who drink heavily (Casswell et al., 2023, Alcohol Clinical and Experimental Research)

[Read](#) Alcohol control policies reduce all-cause mortality in Baltic Countries and Poland between 2001 and 2020 (Vaitkeviciute et al, 2023, Scientific Reports)

[Read](#) Support for evidence-based alcohol policy in Ireland: results from a representative household survey (Calnan et al., 2023, European Journal of Public Health)

[Read](#) Piloting a classification framework for the types of evidence used in alcohol policymaking (2023, Drugs and Alcohol Review)

[Read](#) Light and heavy drinking in jurisdictions with different alcohol policy environments (Foster et al., 2019, International Journal of Drug Policy)

[Read](#) Rapid evidence review of the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of alcohol control policies: An English perspective. (Burton, R. et al., 2017, The Lancet)

[Read](#) A Comparison of Measures and Policies to Prevent Alcohol Problems among Youth across Canadian Provinces (Simpson et al., 2014, Canadian Public Policy)

[Read](#) Efficacy and the Strength of Evidence of U.S. Alcohol Control Policies. (Nelson, T. et al., 2013, American Journal of Preventive Medicine)

Effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of policies and programmes to reduce the harm caused by alcohol (Anderson et al., 2009, The Lancet) [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(09\)60744-3](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(09)60744-3)

Comparative analysis of alcohol control policies in 30 countries (Brand et al., 2007, Plos Medicine) <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pmed.0040151>

A scale of formal alcohol control policy in 15 European countries (Karlsson and Österberg, 2001, Nordic Studies on Alcohol and Drugs) <https://doi.org/10.1177/145507250101801s01>

Websites

The Sheffield Alcohol Policy Model <https://sarg-sheffield.ac.uk/research/modelling/sapm/>

Strategies, control systems, physical availability

Canadian strategies and action plans

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| Federal | Recommendations for a National Alcohol Strategy (2007) |
| Alberta | Alberta Alcohol Strategy (Summary) (2010) |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | Provincial Alcohol Action Plan (2022) |
| Northwest Territories | An Alcohol Strategy for the Northwest Territories (2023) |
| Nova Scotia | An Alcohol Strategy to Prevent and Reduce the Burden of Alcohol-Related Harm in Nova Scotia (2007) |
| Nunavut | Taking Steps to Reduce Alcohol-Related Harms in Nunavut (2016) |
| Quebec | Plan d'Action Interministériel en Dependence 2018-2028 Prevenir, Réduire et Traiter les conséquences associées à la consommation de substances psychoactives, à la pratique des jeux de hasard et argent et à l'utilisation d'internet (2018). |
| Saskatchewan | Northern Alcohol Strategy |

International strategies and action plans

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| Europe | European framework for action on alcohol 2022–2025 |
| WHO | Global Alcohol Action Plan 2022-2030 |
| Scotland | Alcohol Framework 2018 |

Books

Alcohol: Equity and social determinants (Schmidt et al., 2010, in Equity, Social Determinants and Public Health Programmes, World Health Organization)

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/303286663_Alcohol_Equity_and_social_determinants#fullTextFileContent

Preventing Alcohol-Related Problems: Evidence and Community-Based Initiatives (Giesbrecht and Bosma, 2016)

<https://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/book/10.2105/9780875532929>

Presentations

Vers une distribution plus responsable de l'alcool : afficher les risques sur les contenants et accroître le respect de l'âge légal de vente (Gagnon, 2025, JASP)

https://www.inspq.qc.ca/sites/default/files/jasp/archives/2024/ppt/4-decembre/06_Fran%C3%A7ois_Gagnon_Vers-une-distribution-plus-responsable.pdf

Webinar recording: Cross-Sectoral Alcohol Policy and Healthy Beginnings: Examples from Two Provinces (CanFASD, 2025)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVxOdUVERLU>

[Watch](#) Presentation on Vancouver's community-led [Alcohol Strategy](#) (Co-Lab / CMAPS, 2022)

[Watch](#) Overview of the new Canadian Operational Guidance for Managed Alcohol Programs (CMAPS CoP, 2023)

[Watch](#) Impacts of trading restrictions on alcohol-related violence in NSW (National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, 2022)

[Watch](#) Availability is the poor cousin of marketing and pricing [webinar recording]. (SHAAP, 2023)

Journal articles

Public health policies to prevent alcohol-related liver disease (Parker et al., 2025, Nature Reviews Gastroenterology & Hepatology)

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41575-025-01084-6>

Alcohol and health: time for Europe to sober up (Editorial, 2025, The Lancet Gastroenterology & Hepatology)

<https://www.thelancet.com/action/showPdf?pii=S2468-1253%2825%2900165-7>

A pilot evaluation of managed alcohol programs operating in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic (Goulet-Stock et al., 2025, Harm Reduction Journal)

<https://harmreductionjournal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12954-025-01232-w>

Restrictive and permissive alcohol policies during the COVID-19 pandemic and their association with alcohol consumption in the United States (Lemp et al., 2025, International Journal of Drug Policy) <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugpo.2025.104826>

The IARC Perspective on the Effects of Policies on Reducing Alcohol Consumption (Gapstur et al., 2025, The New England Journal of Medicine) <https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMSr2413289>; Media release: <https://www.iarc.who.int/news-events/iarc-handbooks-of-cancer-prevention-volume-20b-the-iarc-perspective-on-the-effects-of-alcohol-policies-on-reducing-alcoholic-beverage-consumption/>

Tackling alcohol and unhealthy food is crucial to the health and wealth of the nation—so when will we see bolder government action? (Rostas, 2025, BMJ)

<https://www.bmj.com/content/389/bmj.r777>

Identifying innovative approaches to the temporal availability of alcohol in Great Britain—a policy analysis (Cook et al., 2025, Drugs: Education, Prevention and Policy) <https://doi.org/10.1080/09687637.2025.2490580>

Effects of Expanding Direct-to-Consumer Alcohol Home Delivery Policies: Evidence From 18 States of Increases in Alcohol Use and Consequences (Courtney et al., 2025, JSAD) <https://doi.org/10.15288/jsad.24-00273>

Implementing public health policy to tackle alcohol-related harms (Danpanichkul and Wijarnpreecha, 2025, The Lancet Public Health)

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanpub/article/PIIS2468-2667\(25\)00048-9/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanpub/article/PIIS2468-2667(25)00048-9/fulltext)

A qualitative exploration of the relevance of training provision in planning for implementation of managed alcohol programs within a third sector setting (Masterton et al., 2024, Drugs: Education, Prevention and Policy) <https://doi.org/10.1080/09687637.2024.2311835>

Health inequalities: What can we learn from Manchester’s approach? (Wilkinson, 2025, The BMJ) <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.r727>

Quick buys for prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases (Galea et al., 2025, The Lancet Regional Health Europe)

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanepi/article/PIIS2666-7762\(25\)00073-0/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanepi/article/PIIS2666-7762(25)00073-0/fulltext)

Non-Communicable Disease: Challenges and Opportunities for Global Regulation of Tobacco, Unhealthy Food, and Alcohol (Cathaoir et al., 2025, The Journal of Law, Medicine and Ethics) <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/journal-of-law-medicine-and-ethics/article/noncommunicable-disease-challenges-and-opportunities-for-global-regulation-of-tobacco-unhealthy-food-and-alcohol/F2F7960B80294373EC19556216BCB62C>

Key Terms and Concepts in Alcohol Use and Problems: A Critical Evaluation (Morris et al., 2025, Substance Use Research and Treatment)

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/29768357241312555>

Working group engagement as a precondition of successful community engagement in an expert-led social marketing public health intervention: Learning from the footprints [CAUDS] (Barker et al., 2025, Canadian Journal of Public Health) <https://link.springer.com/article/10.17269/s41997-025-01011-x>

Innovation and diversity in public health team engagement in local alcohol premises licensing: qualitative interview findings from the ExILEnS study (Purves et al., 2025, Public Health Research) <https://journalslibrary.nihr.ac.uk/phr/published-articles/RNVD1542#full-report>

Scientification of politics or politicisation of science? Parliamentary committee hearings on the Finnish alcohol policy reforms in 1994 and 2017 as epistemic work (Katainen et al., 2025, Acta Sociologica) <https://doi.org/10.1177/00016993251322875>

More pubs—More problems? A longitudinal analysis of Swedish panel data (Norström et al., 2025, Drug and Alcohol Review)

<https://doi.org/10.1111/dar.13981>

Youth-targeted alcohol control policies and adolescent suicide: An interrupted time-series analysis (Choi et al., 2025, Drug and Alcohol Dependence)

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2025.112557>

UK needs national strategy to tackle alcohol related harms (Sinclair et al., 2025, BMJ) <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.r38>

Understanding the effects of alcohol policies on treatment admissions and birth outcomes among young pregnant people (Berglas et al., 2024, Alcohol Clinical and Experimental Research) <https://doi.org/10.1111/acer.15512>

Confronting alcohol's costly toll: why the European region needs clearer, evidence-based policy (Kluge et al., 2025, The Lancet Regional Health Europe)

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.lanepe.2024.101179>

Exploring and describing alcohol harm reduction interventions: a scoping review of literature from the past decade in the western world (Perrin et al., 2024, Harm Reduction Journal) <https://harmreductionjournal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12954-024-01105-8>

The role of alcohol control policies in the reversal of alcohol consumption levels and resulting attributable harms in China (Rehm et al., 2024, Alcohol)

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.alcohol.2024.07.002>

Building a community of practice to address alcohol harms in Canada: Experience from the Canadian Alcohol Policy Evaluation project (Price et al., 2024, CJPH)

<https://rdcu.be/d2lvc>

Acting on the Commercial Determinants of Health (Thomas et al., 2024, Health Promotion International) <https://doi.org/10.1093/heapro/daae183>

The impact of an integrated alcohol policy: The example of Lithuania (Rehm et al., 2024, Drug and Alcohol Review) <https://doi.org/10.1111/dar.13980>

Punitive state policies targeting alcohol use during pregnancy and alcohol consumption among pregnant women (Soyeon Oh, 2024, Scientific Reports)

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-024-74283-x>

An 'alcohol health champions' intervention to reduce alcohol harm in local communities: a mixed-methods evaluation of a natural experiment (Burns et al., 2024, Public Health Research) <https://doi.org/10.3310/HTMN2101>

Gaining influence: Developing a Healthy Public Policy Unit at Vancouver Coastal Health. Canadian Journal of Public Health (July 2024)

<https://doi.org/10.17269/s41997-024-00921-6>

Long-term effects of an alcohol prevention program at licensed premises: a Swedish 20-year follow-up study (Elgán et al., 2024, Frontiers in Public Health)

<https://doi.org/10.3389/fpubh.2024.1423708>

Is alcohol outlet availability associated with binge drinking in Canadian young adults? Findings from British Columbia and Quebec (Sersli and Shareck, 2024, Canadian Journal of Public Health) <https://link.springer.com/article/10.17269/s41997-024-00905-6>

Developing an alcohol strategy for the Northwest Territories: Evaluating global research evidence against rural and remote realities (Denning et al., 2024, Canadian Journal of Public Health) <https://link.springer.com/article/10.17269/s41997-024-00899-1>

Continuities and change in alcohol policy at the global level: a documentary analysis of the 2010 Global Strategy for Reducing the Harmful Use of Alcohol and the Global Alcohol Action Plan 2022–2030 (Lesch and McCambridge., 2024, Globalization and

Health) <https://globalizationandhealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12992-024-01034-y>

Reducing alcohol harms whilst minimising impact on hospitality businesses: 'Sweetspot' policy options (Fitzgerald et al., 2024, International Journal of Drug Policy) <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugpo.2024.104465>

Does a place of last drink initiative affect the likelihood of alcohol sales to obviously intoxicated patrons? (Toomey et al., 2024, Alcohol Clinical and Experimental Research) <https://doi.org/10.1111/acer.15325>

The association between alcohol retail access and health care visits attributable to alcohol for individuals with and without a history of alcohol-related health-care use (Myran et al., 2024, *Addiction*) <https://doi.org/10.1111/add.16566>

A mystery-shopping study to test enforcement of minimum legal purchasing age in Lithuania in 2022 (Miščikienė et al., 2023, *European Journal of Public Health*) <https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/ckad027>

Public health efforts to prevent expansion of alcohol retail availability in neighbourhoods with factors associated with high rates of alcohol-related harms: A case report (Hutchinson et al., 2024, *Drug and Alcohol Review*) <https://doi.org/10.1111/dar.13859>

Harms and costs of proposed changes in how alcohol is sold in Ontario (Giesbrecht and Myran, 2024, *Canadian Medical Association Journal*) <https://doi.org/10.1503/cmaj.240069>

A spatial examination of alcohol availability and the level of disadvantage of schools in Ireland (Doyle et al., 2024, *BMC Public Health*) <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1186/s12889-024-18261-y>

Serving Alcohol to an “Obviously Intoxicated” Patron (Saltz, 2024, *Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs*) <https://www.jsad.com/doi/10.15288/jsad.23-00253>

Association between public health policies on alcohol and worldwide cancer, liver disease and cardiovascular disease outcomes (Diaz et al., 2024, *Journal of Hepatology*) [https://www.journal-of-hepatology.eu/article/S0168-8278\(23\)05278-9/fulltext](https://www.journal-of-hepatology.eu/article/S0168-8278(23)05278-9/fulltext)

Are we moving into a new era for alcohol policy globally? An analysis of the Global Alcohol Action Plan 2022-30 (McCambridge and Lesch, 2024, *BMJ Global Health*) <https://gh.bmj.com/content/9/2/e014246>

People before profits: why we need a coherent health policy approach to tobacco, alcohol, and unhealthy food (Gilmore, 2024, *BMJ*) <https://www.bmj.com/content/384/bmj.q473>

Development of a framework for action to advocate for a coherent prevention policy for tobacco, alcohol, and foods high in fats, salt, or sugar: a mixed-methods approach (Jawad et al., 2023, *The Lancet*) [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(23\)02109-8/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(23)02109-8/fulltext)

Alcoholic beverage types consumed by population subgroups in the United States: Implications for alcohol policy to address health disparities (Cook et al., 2024, *Drug and Alcohol Review*) <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/dar.13819>

[Read](#) ‘The convenience is a double-edged sword’: Qualitative interviews with people who use online alcohol delivery services (Colbert et al., 2023, *Drug and Alcohol Review*)

[Read](#) Early closing of hotels: Impacts on alcohol consumption, drunkenness, liver disease and injury mortality (Dunt et al., 2023, *Drug and Alcohol Review*)

[Read](#) “Availability is the poor cousin of marketing and pricing”: qualitative study of stakeholders’ views on policy priorities around tobacco and alcohol availability (Dimova et al., 2023, *Drugs: Education, Prevention and Policy*)

[Read](#) Cannabis liberalisation: Lessons for alcohol policy (Institute of Alcohol Studies, 2023)

[Read](#) Does a local Alcohol Health Champion programme have a measurable impact on health and crime outcomes? A natural experiment evaluation of Communities in Charge of Alcohol (CICA) based on triangulation of methods (Scott et al., 2023, *Addiction*)

[Read](#) The Sale of Alcohol Bill (2022): an analysis of children’s rights impacts. (Bartlett, 2023, *Alcohol Forum Ireland and Irish Community Action on Alcohol Network*)

[Read](#) Does a local Alcohol Health Champion programme have a measurable impact on health and crime outcomes? A natural experiment evaluation of Communities in Charge of Alcohol (CICA) based on triangulation of methods (Scott et al., 2023, *Addiction*)

[Read](#) The impacts of selling alcohol in grocery stores in Ontario, Canada: a before after study (Schwartz et al., 2023, *JSAD*)

[Read](#) Beverage- and context-specific alcohol consumption during COVID-19 in the United States: The role of alcohol to-go and delivery purchases (Trangenstein et al., 2023, *JSAD*)

[Read](#) The future of alcohol policy in the EU (Juslin, E., 2023, *European Public Health Alliance*)

[Read](#) Impact of alcohol home delivery and other methods of obtaining alcohol in young adults (Noel and Rosenthal, 2023, *Alcohol and Alcoholism*)

[Read](#) The Sale of Alcohol Bill (2022): An analysis of costs and benefits (Babor, 2023)

[Read](#) Characteristics associated with buying alcohol to-go and for delivery during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic among a national sample of US adults (Trangenstein et al., 2023, Drug and Alcohol Review)

[Read](#) Local councils are working to influence the commercial determinants of health (Pickard, 2022, BMJ)

Scoping review of managed alcohol programs (Smith-Bernardin et al., 2022, Harm Reduction Journal) <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12954-022-00646-0>

Examining the Intended and Unintended Impacts of Raising a Minimum Legal Drinking Age on Primary and Secondary Societal Harm and Violence from a Contextual Policy Perspective: A Scoping Review (Roodbeen et al., 2021, International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health) <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph18041999>

Alcohol retail privatisation in Canadian provinces between 2012 and 2017. Is decision making oriented to harm reduction? (Giesbrecht et al., 2021, Drug and Alcohol Review) <https://doi.org/10.1111/dar.13229>

Government options to reduce the impact of alcohol on human health: Obstacles to effective policy implementation (Stockwell et al., 2021, Nutrients) <https://doi.org/10.3390/nu13082846>

Alcohol policy has saved lives in the Russian Federation (Neufeld et al., 2020, International Journal of Drug Policy) <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugpo.2019.102636>

Russia's National Concept to Reduce Alcohol Abuse and Alcohol-Dependence in the Population 2010–2020: Which Policy Targets Have Been Achieved? (Neufeld et al., 2020, International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health) <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph17218270>

Alcohol Control Policy in Europe: Overview and Exemplary Countries (Berdzuli et al., 2020, International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health) <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph17218162>

The increasing role of provincial administrative sanctions in Canadian impaired driving enforcement (Solomon et al., 2020, Traffic Injury Prevention) <https://doi.org/10.1080/15389588.2020.1748605>

Effects of Extensions and Restrictions in Alcohol Trading Hours on the Incidence of Assault and Unintentional Injury: Systematic Review (Nepal et al., 2020, Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs) <https://doi.org/10.15288/jsad.2020.81.5>

Alcohol Availability Across Neighborhoods in Ontario Following Alcohol Sales Deregulation, 2013–2017 (Myran et al., 2019, American Journal of Public Health) <https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2019.305014>

Is changing the minimum legal drinking age an effective policy tool? (Brachowicz and Vall Castello, 2019, Health Economics) <https://doi.org/10.1002/hec.3955>

[Read](#) Estimating the public health impact of disbanding a government alcohol monopoly: application of new methods to the case of Sweden (Stockwell et al., 2018, BMC Public Health)

Alcohol consumption and the physical availability of take-away alcohol: Systematic reviews and meta-analyses of the days and hours of sale and outlet density (Sherk et al., 2018, Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs) <https://doi.org/10.15288/jsad.2018.79.58>

Strategies to reduce alcohol-related harms and costs in Canada: A comparison of provincial policies (Giesbrecht et al., 2016, International Journal of Alcohol and Drug Research) <https://doi.org/10.7895/ijadr.v5i2.221>

Impacts of changes to trading hours of liquor licences on alcohol-related harm: a systematic review 2005–2015 (Wilkinson et al., 2016, Public Health Research & Practice) <https://doi.org/10.17061/phrp2641644>

Case Closed: Research Evidence on the Positive Public Health Impact of the Age 21 Minimum Legal Drinking Age in the United States (DeJong and Blanchette, 2014, Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs) <https://doi.org/10.15288/jsads.2014.s17.108>

The European strategy on alcohol: A landmark and a lesson (Baumberg and Anderson, 2007, Alcohol and Alcoholism) <https://doi.org/10.1093/alcalc/agh105>

An alcohol strategy for England: the good, the bad and the ugly (Drummond et al., 2004, Alcohol and Alcoholism) <https://doi.org/10.1093/alcalc/agh087>

Reports, guidance and fact sheets

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