

Alcohol Harm Prevention Bulletin

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Recent journal articles (from Medline and Proquest Public Health)

A selection of publications from the last month relating to prevention of alcohol harms. Search criteria are available upon request from Knowledge Services and will be reviewed regularly to consider appropriateness and/or new areas of interest.

The searches are undertaken by PHS Knowledge Services. If you need any help with obtaining the full text of any of the articles, please contact phs.knowledge@phs.scot

Pricing, taxation and policy

- Miščikienė L, Jiang H, Tran A et al. **The impact of alcohol control policy on assaults and sexual assaults in Lithuania: An interrupted time-series analysis.** Public Health 2025; 242: 319–323. 2025/05.
- Williams AR. **Death and Taxes - Is Alcohol the Solution?** N Engl J Med 2025; 392: 1665–1667. 2025/05/01.

Availability and Licensing

No relevant publications this month.

Marketing and Advertising

- Dumbili EW, Leonard P, Larkin J et al. **Prioritising research on marketing and consumption of No and Low (NoLo) alcoholic beverages in Ireland.** Int J Drug Policy 2025; 139: 104794. 2025/05.
- Kennedy A-M, Vonasch A, Prayag G et al. **Zero-alcohol beverage aisle placement and social norms around alcohol: A cultural perspective from Aotearoa New Zealand.** Health Mark Q 2025; : 1–31. 2025/05/17.

Health Information

- Massey ZB, Anbari AB, Wang N et al. **Developing and testing health warnings about alcohol and risk for breast cancer: Results from a national experiment with young adult women in the United States.** Alcohol Clin Exp Res (Hoboken) 2025; 49: 665–677. 2025/03.
- Thienpondt A, Deforche B, Van Damme J et al. **Association of exposure to the temporary abstinence campaign “Tournée Minérale” with alcohol consumption among male and female participants: The mediating role of psychosocial determinants.** Int J Drug Policy 2025; 137: 104717. 2025/03.

Early Intervention

- Krist AH and Bradley KA. **Addressing Alcohol Use.** N Engl J Med 2025; 392: 1721–1731. 2025/05/01.
- Roheger M, Gürtler D, Eidswick J et al. **Socio-economic equity in the impact of population-based interventions to reduce alcohol consumption.** Cochrane Database Syst Rev 2025; 5: CD016015. 2025/05/07.
- Sundqvist K, Martinez MW and Berglund K. **Universal alcohol prevention in the workplaces - does it matter?** Work 2025; 81: 2685–2694. 2025/06.

Young People and Prevention

- Valeckaite N, Kühl M-J, Babirye JN et al. **Alcohol education in Ugandan primary schools: teaching approaches and learners’ perspectives.** BMC Public Health 2025; 25: 1823. 2025/05/17.
- Wittleder S, Bhoopsingh B, Gollwitzer PM et al. **WOOP as a brief alcohol intervention led by lay coaches in college settings.** Health Educ Behav 2025; 52: 299–308. 2025/06.

Recent reports (grey literature)

Highlights of publications from key organisations within the last month.

- Alcohol Focus Scotland. **AFS Response to Programme for Government**. AFS, 07 May 2025.
- Cook, M. et al. **Men bear the brunt of alcohol harm – so why the focus on women?** IAS, 14 May 2025.
- Haydock, W. **Harm reduction as a rational response to irrational drinking**. IAS, 21 May 2025.
- Institute of Alcohol Studies. **Minimum unit pricing: explained**. IAS, 30 May 2025.
- Pennay, A. et al. **Young people, alcohol and risk: a culture of caution**. IAS, 28 May 2025.
- SHAAP. **Time running out for Scottish Government to show leadership and tackle alcohol deaths**. SHAAP, 01 May 2025.
- Shepherd, J. and Dowling, B. **The price is right: minimum unit pricing for alcohol and the case for a windfall tax**. Social Market Foundation, May 2025.

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