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in Scotland and beyond**

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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

- Fitzgerald N, Angus K, Howell R et al. **Changing public perceptions of alcohol, alcohol harms and alcohol policies: A multi-methods study to develop novel framing approaches.** *Addiction* 2024; 2024/12/23.

Availability and Licensing

- Hodgson AF, Bantjes J, Pirkis J et al. **Alcohol restrictions and suicide rates in South Africa during the COVID-19 pandemic: results of a natural experiment.** *BMJ Glob Health* 2025; 10. 2025/01/19.
- Purves R, Mohan A, O'Donnell R et al. **Innovation and diversity in public health team engagement in local alcohol premises licensing: qualitative interview findings from the ExLEnS study.** *Public Health Res (Southampt)* 2025; : 1–19. 2025/01/08.

Marketing and Advertising

- Dimova ED, Shortt NK, Smith M et al. **Public and professional stakeholders' perceptions of alcohol advertising and availability policies: A qualitative study.** *Drug Alcohol Rev* 2025; 44: 104–118. 2025/01.

- Hollett RC, Fairclough J, Butt J et al. **Exposure to preference-matched alcohol advertisements from national sports broadcasts increases short-term alcohol consumption inclinations in risky drinkers.** Health Promot J Austr 2025; 36: e894. 2025/01.
- Swahn MH, Natuhamya C, Culbreth R et al. **Alcohol marketing as a commercial determinant of health: daily diary insights from young women in Kampala.** Health Promot Int 2025; 40. 2025/01/17.

Health Information

No relevant publications this month.

Early Intervention

- Booth L, McCausland T, Stevens-Cutler J et al. **The differential effects of parent-targeted alcohol harm-reduction campaigns with varying executional styles.** Drug Alcohol Rev 2025; 44: 60–69. 2025/01.
- Cook WK, Ye Y, Zhu Y et al. **Trends and disparities in alcohol screening and brief counseling following the U.S. Affordable Care Act.** Drug Alcohol Depend 2025; 268: 112558. 2025/01/15.
- Dao-Tran TH, Townsend K, Loudoun R et al. **Associations between employees' alcohol consumption, insomnia and HR management strength.** Occup Med (Lond) 2025; 74: 647–653. 2025/01/16.
- Fairbairn CE, Han J, Caumiant EP et al. **A wearable alcohol biosensor: Exploring the accuracy of transdermal drinking detection.** Drug Alcohol Depend 2025; 266: 112519. 2025/01/01.
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Young People and Prevention

- Choi Y, Jin T, Seo J et al. **Youth-targeted alcohol control policies and adolescent suicide: An interrupted time-series analysis.** Drug Alcohol Depend 2025; 268: 112557. 2025/01/20.
- Cross A, Zhou Z, Fairlie AM et al. **Daily-Level Associations Between Situational Familiarity With Location and People and Use of Alcohol-Related Protective Behavioral Strategies Among Adolescents and Young Adults.** J Stud Alcohol Drugs 2025; 86: 115–123. 2025/01.
- Doumas DM, Esp S, Turrisi R et al. **A randomized controlled trial testing the efficacy of the eCHECKUP TO GO on drinking games participation and behavior among high school seniors.** Addict Behav 2025; 160: 108183. 2025/01.
- Grummitt L, Rowlinson K, Cassar J et al. **A randomised controlled implementation trial of the feasibility and effectiveness of school staff delivery of a selective substance use and mental health program during the COVID-19 pandemic.** BMC Public Health 2025; 25: 349. 2025/01/28.
- Hill K, Mansbridge S, Watts A et al. **“It’s expected that students want to get drunk. that needs to change”:** alcohol abstainer and light drinking university student experiences. he 2025; 125: 1–13. 2025/01/23.
- Lekamge RB, Jain R, Sheen J et al. **Systematic Review and Meta-analysis of the Effectiveness of Whole-school Interventions Promoting Mental Health and Preventing Risk Behaviours in Adolescence.** J Youth Adolesc 2025; 2025/01/27.

Recent reports (grey literature)

Highlights of publications from key organisations within the last month.

- Alcohol Focus Scotland and SHAAP. **AFS joins SHAAP in calling for urgent action to tackle alcohol emergency.** AFS & SHAAP, 31 January 2025.

- Alcohol Change. **Latest Welsh research shows minimum pricing remains a cornerstone of alcohol harm reduction.** Alcohol Change, 15 January 2025.
- Balance. **"Alcohol is everywhere." The public has its say.** Balance, 20 January 2025.
- Balance. **Balance welcomes the introduction of a broadcasting ban on daytime alcohol advertising in Ireland.** Balance, 13 January 2025.
- Ma, Z. **Alcohol warning labels featuring lived experiences attract greater attention.** IAS, 07 January 2025.
- Sinclair, J. et al. **UK needs national strategy to tackle alcohol related harms.** BMJ, 15 January 2025.
- Welsh Government. **Assessing the experiences and impact of Minimum Pricing for Alcohol on service users and service providers: final report.** WG, 15 January 2025.
- Welsh Government. **Final report - review of the introduction of Minimum Pricing for Alcohol in Wales.** WG, 15 January 2025.

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