

# **Alcohol Harm Prevention Bulletin**

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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](mailto:phs.knowledge@phs.scot)

### Pricing, taxation and policy

- Billan S, Angus C and Collins B. **Evaluating the impact of minimum unit alcohol pricing on purchasing behaviour by different social class and age groups in Wales: A controlled interrupted time series study**. Public Health 2025; 240: 71–79. 2025/01/27.

### Availability and Licensing

No relevant publications this month.

### Marketing and Advertising

No relevant publications this month.

### Health Information

- Devi S. **Should alcohol carry cancer warning labels?** Lancet 2025; 405: 366–367. 2025/02/01.
- Kirby T. **US Surgeon General calls for cancer warning labels on alcohol**. Lancet Oncol 2025; 2025/01.

- Pettigrew S, Yusoff A, Sträuli B et al. **The prevalence of mandated and voluntary health information on alcohol products in Australia.** Aust N Z J Public Health 2025; 49: 100215. 2025/02/04.

## Early Intervention

- van den Bulck FAE, Rozema AD, van de Mheen D et al. **Working elements in interventions to reduce problematic alcohol use according to older adults: A realist evaluation.** J Appl Gerontol 2025; : 7334648241311457. 2025/02/08.
- Burgess IR, Owen A, Scholtens K et al. **Men’s experiences of a personalised, appearance-based, facial-morphing, safer drinking intervention.** J Health Psychol 2025; 30: 156–170. 2025/02.
- Lee S. **Development of deep learning auto-encoder algorithms for predicting alcohol use in Korean adolescents based on cross-sectional data.** Soc Sci Med 2025; 367: 117690. 2025/01/10.
- Mennicke A, Bowling J, Montanaro E et al. **The bystander intervention for problematic alcohol use model (BIPAUM).** J Am Coll Health 2023; : 1–11. 2023/08/15.
- Thienpondt A, Van Cauwenberg J, Van Damme J et al. **Changes in alcohol consumption among Belgian adults participating in the internet-based one-month-abstinence campaign “Tournée Minérale”.** Arch Public Health 2025; 83: 29. 2025/02/05. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13690-024-01491-2>
- Woliansky M, Lee K and Tadakamadla S. **Review article: Electronic screening and brief intervention for alcohol-related trauma: A systematic review and meta-analysis.** Emerg Med Australas 2025; 37: e14506. 2025/02.

## Young People and Prevention

- Edwards KM, Littleton H, Gardella J et al. **An online program for sexual and gender minority youth reduces alcohol use and teen dating violence: A randomized controlled trial.** J Stud Alcohol Drugs 2025; 2025/02/03.

- Frohe T, Gebru NM, Wilson B et al. **Is a very brief web-based intervention with focus on protective behavioral strategies efficacious in reducing impaired control over alcohol in undergraduates?** *Exp Clin Psychopharmacol* 2025; 33: 1–7. 2025/02.
- Rosado-Pulido EA, Fernández-León P, Lima-Serrano M et al. **Factors that influence the adoption of a school-based eHealth alcohol prevention program among Spanish personnel: a mixed methods study.** *BMC Public Health* 2025; 25: 436. 2025/02/04.
- Schmied E, Hurtado L, Robinson WK et al. **Evaluating the acceptability of a brief online alcohol misuse prevention program among US military cadets: A formative evaluation.** *JMIR Formativ Res* 2025; 2025/02/11.
- Williams C, Griffin KW, Sousa SM et al. **Preventing tobacco and alcohol use among high school students through a hybrid online and in-class intervention: A randomized controlled trial.** *Psychol Addict Behav* 2025; 2025/02/27.

## Recent reports (grey literature)

Highlights of publications from key organisations within the last month.

- Alcohol Focus Scotland. **AFS comments on ONS Alcohol Specific Deaths statistics.** AFS, 05 February 2025.
- Alcohol Change. **Time for prevention is now: action needed to stop trend of increasing alcohol-specific deaths.** Alcohol Change, 05 February 2025.
- Roy-Highley, E. And Petticrew, M. **‘Dark Apps’ uncovered: popular alcohol tracking apps backed by the alcohol industry mislead users.** IAS, 25 February 2025.
- Sheen, F. **Alcohol calorie labelling might help change drinking habits.** IAS, 06 February 2025.

- World Health Organization: European Region. [Alcohol health warning labels: a public perspective for Europe](#). WHO, 14 February 2025.

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