

# Fact Sheet on Public and Institutional Policies on Alcohol

## Public Policies

Public policies affecting how alcohol is sold, where it is consumed, price, social environment, enforcement mechanisms and underage-access:

### Affecting How, When and Where Alcohol is Sold

- Privatization of alcohol distribution systems
- Limiting hours of sale
- Limiting days of sale
- Banning home deliveries
- Restrictions at community events
- Density of alcohol outlets
- Restricting location of alcohol outlets
- Restricting types of alcohol outlets
- Server training
- Server licensing
- Dram shop or server liability

### Affecting Where and When Alcohol is Consumed

- Parks, public spaces
- Cars: open containers
- Stadiums

### Affecting the Price of Alcohol

- Excise taxes
- Restricting happy hour sales

### Affecting the Social Environment

- Mandatory warning signs
- Restrictions or bans on billboards
- Warning labels

### Affecting Enforcement Mechanisms

- Administrative Penalties
- Compulsory “stings”
- Restricting open house assemblies

### Affecting Underage Access

- Minimum drinking age
- Keg registration
- Enhancement of drivers license
- Restricting sales of alcohol

## Institutional Policies

Institutional policies that can be implemented by particular community sectors:

### Alcohol Merchants

- Age identification
- Server training warning posters
- Incentives for checking age identification
- Secret shopper program
- Warning fliers
- Restricting sales to those accompanied by individuals under age 21

### Other Businesses

- Media
  - Ban alcohol advertisements
  - Prioritize stories about alcohol issues
- Hotels/motels
  - Restrict age of room renters
- Sport stadiums
  - Ban alcohol advertisements
  - Restrict sales and consumption to specific areas
  - Limit sales to low-alcohol products
  - Stop alcohol sales before end of event
  - Prohibit individuals from bringing in own alcohol

### Worksites

- Written policies to reduce access
- Restrict alcohol at work events

### Schools

- Ban alcohol on school property
- Ban alcohol at all school events

### Colleges/Universities

- Restrict alcohol-related messages
- Prohibit beer kegs
- Alcohol-free dormitories
- Ban alcohol on campus

### Law Enforcement Agencies

- Walk through alcohol outlets
- “Stings”
- Prioritize enforcement against adults who illegally provide alcohol to youth.

