



ALCOHOL AND HEALTH

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2018



Alcohol Policy Scoring: Assessing the level of implementation of the WHO Global Strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol in the Region of the Americas (PAHO)

This report describes the construction of a series of composite indicators developed for evaluating the level of implementation of the ten policy areas of the WHO Global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol. It serves as a useful guide in areas where alcohol policies and actions need strengthening in order to reduce the harmful use of alcohol at the national level.



Global Status Report on Alcohol and Health (WHO)

This report presents a comprehensive picture of how harmful alcohol use impacts population health, and identifies the best ways to protect and promote the health and well-being of people. It also shows the levels and patterns of alcohol consumption worldwide, the health and social consequences of harmful alcohol use, and how countries are working to reduce this burden.

2017



Technical Note: Background on Alcohol Marketing Regulation and Monitoring for the Protection of Public Health (PAHO)

This document provides evidence for arguments supporting alcohol marketing regulation and suggests key elements that can be considered by countries in planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating effective regulation. It also provides legislative language that can assist governments in developing or modifying existing laws and implementing monitoring mechanisms.



Resource Tool on Alcohol Taxation and Pricing Policies (WHO)

This resource tool is developed under a Memorandum of Understanding between ThaiHealth and WHO as a part of a broader effort by WHO to develop technical tools and resource materials in support of implementation of the global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol. This resource tool will contribute to enhancing knowledge and competence relating to taxation and pricing policies among public health professionals and alcohol-control policy advocates.

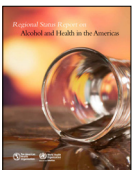
2016



Meeting on Alcohol Marketing Regulation: Final Report (PAHO)

In 2015, an exploratory meeting on regulation of marketing of alcohol products was held. The objectives of the meeting were to summarize the research on the effects of alcohol marketing on young people; review existing statutory and self-regulatory codes on marketing and examine their effectiveness; and describe the experience of countries where alcohol marketing legislation has been recently enacted or proposed. As a result, participants agreed upon key messages that can assist countries in the development of legislative measures and support the work on alcohol marketing control in the Region and worldwide.

2015



Regional Status Report on Alcohol and Health and Summary (PAHO)

The Regional Report on Alcohol and Health in the Americas examines the patterns and consequences of alcohol use in the Region and evaluates progress made since the enactment of the Global Strategy and Regional Plan of Action to Reduce the Harmful Use of Alcohol. The report is available in English and Spanish and the summary is available in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

2013



Prevention of Alcohol Related Injuries in the Americas: From Evidence to Policy Action (PAHO)

This book compiles studies from emergency rooms across the Region to increase the evidence base on the relationship between alcohol and injuries. This evidence is used to inform policy interventions that can be implemented to reduce alcohol-related injury in the Americas.

2010



The Alcohol, Smoking and Substance Involvement Screening Test (ASSIST): Manual for Use in Primary Care (WHO)

The purpose of this manual is to introduce the ASSIST and to describe how to use it in health care settings – particularly community based primary health care settings – to identify people who are using substances, so that a brief intervention (or referral) can be provided, as appropriate.



Global Strategy to Reduce the Harmful Use of Alcohol (WHO)

The 2010 Global Strategy on alcohol is the first WHO resolution to confront the harmful use of alcohol in recognition of its high burden on health around the world. It includes five main objectives (including improving knowledge on the magnitude of problems and effectiveness of interventions) and ten target policy areas (including leadership, awareness, and commitment).

2001



The Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test / AUDIT (WHO)

This manual introduces the AUDIT, the Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test, and describes how to use it to identify persons with hazardous and harmful patterns of alcohol consumption. This manual is written primarily for health care practitioners, but other professionals who encounter persons with alcohol-related problems may also find it useful.

VIRTUAL COURSES



Alcohol Advocacy Policies (PAHO)

Alcohol has enormous health and social costs, particularly for young people. Policies are available that can reduce these costs, but they are not used consistently. Advocacy in the policy arena can make a difference between good policy and bad policy, which in turn can literally mean the difference between life and death in vulnerable populations. This course prepares participants to be effective advocates for alcohol policies. This course assumes that you already know something about alcohol policy, and in particular that you are familiar with the basic research findings on what alcohol policies are most effective.



The Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test / Audit-SBI (PAHO)

With five thematic modules, this virtual course aims to train non-specialist health professionals in implementing the Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test (or AUDIT) and corresponding Screening and Brief Interventions (SBI for short), encourage primary care-givers to incorporate the AUDIT-SBI program in their daily routines and empower health professionals to organize trainings for others.



Alcohol Policy and Public Health (PAHO)

This virtual course reviews recent advances in epidemiology and addiction science in alcohol policy. Using a public health oriented approach, the modules devoted to each topic area review the epidemiology of substance use and substance-related diseases and disorders; the role of psychoactive substances in health and illness; the role of different actors in the development, implementation and evaluation of public policies; and the effectiveness of different strategies and interventions that can serve as a scientific basis for alcohol and drug policies in the Americas.



Alcohol Use and Pregnant Women's Health* (PAHO)

This course offers up-to-date training and information to health-care providers health professionals on the problems related to alcohol use by women of reproductive age and pregnant women, presenting comprehensive approaches for early identification of alcohol use detection, motivation for change and health promotion of this population. ***Available only in portuguese. English and Spanish soon to follow.**