ALCOHOL POLICIES IN SPAIN

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

Public Health Directorate
Ministry of Health and Consumer Affairs of Spain
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17 Autonomous Comunities (CCAA)
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Public places with limited access to minors & public places without limited access to minors but where selling & consuming alcohol is prohibited to people under 16Y old--- **RD 2816/1982**

The admission to public places with limited access to minors or selling alcohol to people under 16Y, is considered as an infraction against the citizens safety---- **Ley orgánica 1/1992**

Selling alcohol in schools is forbidden ---- **Orden 7 Nov 1989**

Bringing, selling & consuming alcohol during sport events is forbidden --- **Ley 10/1990 ; Ley 19/2007**
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First limitations to alcohol & tobacco publicity in public radio and TV before 9.30 pm --- RD 1100/1978

TV commercials about alcoholic drinks >20° are forbidden and also the publicity of any alcoholic beverage in those places where the selling or consuming is prohibited -- Ley 34/1988

Direct/indirect publicity & telesales of >20° alcoholic beverages are forbidden and it regulates the publicity requirements for the remaining alcoholic drinks -- Ley 25/1994 (89/552/CEE) ; Ley 22/1999

Labelling must show the alcohol strength volume (>1,2°) RD 1045/19 RD 1334/1999
The different Administrations: Central, Autonomic and Local have competencies on alcohol regulation.

Due to the regulatory diversity one of the MOH objectives is to promote global effective measures for health protection and prevention of alcohol use particularly in minors, working in coordination with Autonomous Communities.
BAC up to:
- general drivers: 0,5g/l
- professionals & < 2y drivers: 0,3g/l

Expired breath:
- general drivers: 0,25mg/l
- professionals & < 2y drivers: 0,15mg/l

Drivers and any users of public areas are obliged to undergo all the alcohol tests they are required to if involved into a traffic accident or if requested by the authority during preventive control test campaigns.
> 3Y experienced drivers start out with 12 points

- New drivers are credited with 8 points

- 2 to 6 points are deducted according to how serious the offence is

- Drivers who lose all their points will have their license taken away for 6 months, if it is the first time, or 12 months if it is not.

- Drinking driving is typed as very serious offence
Points lost for alcohol consumption reasons:

- **Alcohol in expired breath:**
  - general drivers: > 0,5mg/l
  - professionals & <2Y experienced drivers: 0,3mg/l

- **Alcohol in expired breath:**
  - general drivers: > 0,25mg/l up to 0,5mg/l
  - professionals & <2Y experienced drivers: >0,15 mg/l up to 0,3mg/l

- Refusing to be tested for alcohol levels 6 points
National Law 15/2007: Modify the Penal Code for road safety

- Drinking driving can be punished with 3-6 months of prison or 31-90 days of works for the community.
- Refusing to be tested for alcohol levels is punished with 6 months to 1Y of prison and with the privation of rights for driving vehicles for a period of > 1 to 4Y.
## Alcohol & Driving

### Some data......

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<th>YEAR</th>
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• Strategy for the National Plan 2000 -2008 about drugs
  www.pnsd.msc.es/Categoria1/presenta/home.htm

• Action Plan 2005 – 2008

• Public Health Directorate

• RD 1030/2006 for Common Health Services Package
MOH actions

MOH tools:

- National inquiry into the use of drugs by students from secondary education (14-18 Y old) (2006-2007)

- Inquiry into the use of drugs by the Citizens (2005-2006)

- National Inquiry into the health of the population (2006-2007)

- Census on Alcohol Preventive actions from the Autonomous Communities
To increase social awareness

- **WEB site for alcohol among young people**
  

- **Institutional Campaigns on TV, press, public areas:**
  
  - “THE ALCOHOL HARMS YOUR BODY AND YOUR BRAIN. THE ALCOHOL DESTROYS YOU TWICE”
  - “NOT ALWAYS THE CHILDREN FROM OTHERS ARE THE ONES WHO GET DRUNK DURING THE WEEK-ENDS”

  [http://www.msc.es/campannas/campanas07/alcoholmenores.htm](http://www.msc.es/campannas/campanas07/alcoholmenores.htm)

  [http://www.msc.es/campannas/campanas06/alcohol.htm](http://www.msc.es/campannas/campanas06/alcohol.htm)
Collaborative agreements:

- The Spanish Association for Press Editors (AEDE)
- The Spanish Association for Distributors and Supermarkets (ASEDAS)
- The National Association for Distribution Enterprises (ANGED).
- Institute for Alcohol & Drugs studies. Valladolid University of Medicine
MOH actions

Some Publications:

- “GANAR SALUD CON LA JUVENTUD”
- “PREVENCIÓN DE LOS PROBLEMAS DERIVADOS DEL CONSUMO DE ALCOHOL”
- Guía de referencia rápida para abordar el consumo de alcohol (SEMFYC)
Some Translations to the WHO Publications:

- Framework for alcohol policy in the WHO European Region

- Lexicon of alcohol and drug terms
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