

A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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***Alcohol Policy Information System (APIS) Provides
Detailed Information on State and Federal Alcohol-Related Policies***

The Alcohol Policy Information System (www.alcoholpolicy.niaaa.nih.gov) is an online resource that provides user-searchable access to authoritative, detailed, and comparable information on alcohol-related policies in the United States, at both State and Federal levels. While designed primarily as a tool to encourage and facilitate research on the effects and effectiveness of alcohol-related policies, the APIS is also an invaluable resource for anyone looking for accurate information on state alcohol-related policies. The APIS currently has information on four main policy topics (see below). Each policy topic contains a brief description; a summary of relevant Federal law; tables comparing statewide policies in effect on a particular date or over a period of time; and other detailed information, such as maps, charts, and relevant statutory and regulatory citations. Information on the APIS is regularly updated. The most recent update, completed this past September, includes the addition of underage internal possession laws as a policy topic and reports on changes in state alcohol policy statutes and regulations that took effect on or before January 1, 2009.

Alcohol Policy Information System (APIS) Policy Topics

(as of 11/9/2009)

Alcoholic Beverage Control

- Retail and wholesale distribution
- Keg registration
- Beverage service training
- Sunday sales

Transportation, Crime, and Public Safety

- Blood alcohol concentration (BAC) limits
- Underage drinking
- Open container policies

Health Care Services and Financing

- Insurance exclusion (“UPPL”)
- Health insurance parity

Alcohol and Pregnancy

- Mandatory warning signs
- Criminal prosecution
- Civil commitment
- Priority treatment
- Child abuse/neglect
- Reporting requirements

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