

# Countermeasures for Reducing Alcohol-Related Crashes

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**ABSTRACT:** Programs to prevent alcohol-related crashes occur at several levels. Although most of the public thinks of drunk-driving prevention only in terms of the criminal justice system, much can be done to prevent alcohol-related highway deaths before the drinking-and-driving offender gets on the road. In recent years, the field of alcohol safety has merged with the area of public health concerned with preventing alcohol- and drug-related traumatic injury and death. This paper provides an overview of the status of road safety programs directed at reducing impaired driving. It covers ten topics falling into the three levels of prevention: *primary* programs to reduce alcohol consumption; *secondary* programs to prevent driving after drinking; and *tertiary* programs to prevent recidivism among convicted drinking drivers.

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