

KEEP KIDS HEALTHY & SAFE

IMPROVE ALCOHOL-TO-GO LAWS



The alcohol-to-go law created more avenues for young people to get alcohol.

Every doorstep and driver's seat is now an opportunity.

Before the alcohol-to-go law was in place, there were roughly **54,000 licensed retailers** from which people could purchase alcohol in the state.

Now, people can pick up alcohol curbside or in drive-thrus, or they can have it delivered to their doorstep by one of the roughly **200,000 delivery drivers** in the state.

Lack of ID checks makes it easier for youth to purchase alcohol.

- **70%** of the time alcohol was ordered for delivery or pick-up, there was **NO** ID check.
- **38%** of deliveries involved **NO** ID check.
- **80%** of pick-up sales had **NO** ID check.
- Nearly **20%** of orders were left for pick-up or at doorsteps with **NO** contact made at all.
- Technology challenges result in lack of ID checks.

Easily opened or unsealed to-go drinks make it **simple to sneak sips of alcohol**. This is especially concerning when it comes to drinking and driving.

1 out of 5

alcoholic beverages purchased under the alcohol-to-go law was **NOT** in a tamper-proof container.

90% of the time,

alcohol pick-up orders were **NOT** placed in a location in the car that is allowed by the law.



Alcoholic beverages from alcohol-to-go orders without tamper-proof seals.

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Increased Access Leads to Increased Problems

Underage drinking is dangerous because it:



Interferes with brain development and can increase the risk of future alcohol problems. People who start drinking in their teens are at higher risk for alcohol addiction or dependence later in life.



Impairs judgment and causes young people to engage in risky activities like unsafe sex, drinking and driving, and violence.



Affects academic performance. Students who report using alcohol miss more school and have more reported conduct problems than students who don't use alcohol.



Causes injuries and death. In 2020, 345 Texas youth under 21 died as a result of alcohol use, and 149 crash fatalities involved an underage impaired driver.

Underage drinking **costs the state nearly \$2.5 billion a year.**

We can protect kids by making it harder for young people to get alcohol.

73% of Texans support updating the alcohol-to-go law to include best practices for public safety.

Updating laws to keep our kids healthy and safe should include:

Increased funding to support enforcement of underage drinking laws.

Clearer rules requiring truly tamper-proof packaging.

Training and education for retailers and delivery drivers.

Resources and education for consumers so they know their responsibilities.



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