

A safe Territory – A Territory Government Initiative

Enough is Enough Alcohol Reforms – 1 July

Alcohol abuse causes crime which is why the Territory Government is turning problem drinkers off tap from 1 July.

People who are not banned will buy their alcohol as normal – so for most of us it's drinks as usual.

60 per cent of all assaults and 67 per cent of all domestic violence incidents across the Territory are alcohol related.*

Under the Enough is Enough Alcohol Reforms:

- Problem drinkers will face bans from purchasing, possessing and consuming alcohol and can face mandatory treatment [pdf](#) | [html](#)
- A Banned Drinker Register supported by photo ID scanners, will be rolled out to take-away alcohol outlets to help enforce Problem Drinker bans Territory-wide [pdf](#) | [html](#)
- Treatment services will be expanded to help problem drinkers get their lives back on track [pdf](#) | [html](#)

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These changes will not affect the price of alcohol.

Alcohol misuse costs the Territory an estimated \$642 million per year in policing, justice, ambulance and health costs**.

The Enough is Enough Reforms are targeted, and for the first time, will turn problem drinkers off tap Territory-wide and mandate treatment. [pdf](#) | [html](#)

BANNED PROBLEM DRINKERS INCLUDE:

- people who commit alcohol-related crime or violence
- people taken into protective custody three times in three months
- people who commit high range DUI or repeat drink driving offences

The Banned Drinker Register will be rolled out from 1 July 2011, commencing in Darwin and Palmerston.

- Alice Springs – by 1 August 2011
- Tennant Creek – by 1 August 2011
- Katherine – by 1 August 2011

- Other regional and remote areas – fully implemented Territory-wide as soon as possible.

The Banned Drinker Register will be enforced by the existing photo ID systems operating in Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and the Katherine and East Arnhem regions, and the new photo ID system in the Darwin and Palmerston region.

Supply restrictions are in place in Alice Springs. Product and trading hour restrictions exist in Alice Springs under the local Alcohol Management Plan, eg a limit of one cask wine purchase per day. To enforce restrictions, an Alcohol Restrictions Monitoring System records purchase details of restricted products until midnight on the day of purchase. This system is different to the Banned Drinker Register, which does not record information.

Forms of accepted, government issued photo ID include:

- NT or other Australian Drivers Licence
- Passport
- Evidence of Age Card
- NT Ochre Card

You can use your existing photo ID.

- Banned Problem Drinker [pdf](#) | [html](#)
- Legislation Overview [pdf](#) | [html](#)
- Amendments to the *Liquor Act 2011* [pdf](#) | [html](#)
- *Alcohol Reform (Substance Misuse and Referral for Treatment Court) Act 2011* [pdf](#) | [html](#)
- The Substance Misuse Assessment and Referral for Treatment (SMART) Court [pdf](#) | [html](#)
- Treating Problem Drinkers [pdf](#) | [html](#)
- Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Tribunal [pdf](#) | [html](#)
- Banned Drinker Register [pdf](#) | [html](#)
- Alcohol Reform Legislation [pdf](#) | [html](#)
- Banned Drinker Register and Photo ID [pdf](#) | [html](#)
- Tackling Alcohol-Related Crime and Antisocial Behaviour [pdf](#) | [html](#)
- *Alcohol Reform (Prevention of Alcohol-related Crime and Substance Misuse) Act 2011* [pdf](#) | [html](#)

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[_ftnref2#_ftnref2](#)**Harms from and Costs of Alcohol Consumption in the Northern Territory, Report commissioned by Menzies School of Health Research and prepared by the south Australia Centre for Economic Studies, September 2009.