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Illinois Church Action on Alcohol & Addiction Problems

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**Alcohol Action Alert
Cost of Alcohol - \$249 Bil**



Cost of Alcohol Abuse \$259 BILLION a Year!

While much of the focus on drugs has been on heroin and prescription drug abuse, the costs of alcohol and the impact on society are alarming. A new report from the Center for Disease Control found **excessive alcohol consumption is responsible for an average of 88,000 deaths each year, including 1 in 10 deaths among working-age Americans ages 20-64.**

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Discounted Alcoholic Drinks will increase Abuse

State Legislators overturned the ban on Happy Hour. In July bars and restaurants began serving discounted drinks for as many as four hours a day, 15 hours a week. [Read more](#)

Alcoholic drink specials can now be advertised in newspapers, restaurants, and on social media. **When alcohol prices are discounted, people will consume more alcohol. This change in law will impact alcohol use/abuse and public safety.**

Report: No Amount of Alcohol Is Safe for Expecting Moms

In a report published in the journal Pediatrics, the Academy underscored that drinking during pregnancy can lead to fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD), a group of conditions that can occur in a child whose mother consumed alcohol during pregnancy and that drinking-related birth defects and developmental disabilities are avoidable through

abstentions.

... "Despite research evidence clearly documenting the spectrum of detrimental consequences of, too many women continue to drink alcohol during pregnancy." **One in 10 pregnant American women admitted to consuming alcohol occasionally, and one-third of those admitted to binge drinking**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in a report last month. The report said **as many as 5 percent of first-graders in the U.S. may have a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.** [Read more](#)

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

- Share this Alert with your [State Representative](#) and [State Senator](#) and ask them to OPPOSE alcohol legislation that makes alcohol more accessible near schools, colleges, and churches. Ask them to support the strict regulation of alcohol and oppose legislation to weaken the Liquor Control.
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