

# Alcohol harm in Edinburgh



In Scotland, **1 in 4** people drink above the low-risk drinking guidelines.<sup>i</sup>

In Lothian, more than **1 in 3 men (40%)** and **1 in 5 women (19%)** are drinking at hazardous/harmful levels.<sup>ii</sup>

**2,556 alcohol-related hospital stays** in Edinburgh last year.<sup>iii</sup>

**76 alcohol-related deaths** in Edinburgh last year.<sup>iv</sup>

**95 child protection cases** in Edinburgh where parental alcohol or drug misuse was involved.<sup>v</sup>

**2,000 premises licences** in force in Edinburgh.<sup>vi</sup>

Edinburgh has the **highest alcohol outlet availability** in Scotland, approaching three times higher than the national average.<sup>vii</sup>

**£221.3m annual cost** of alcohol harm to Edinburgh (health, social care, crime and productive capacity) – **£455 per person.**<sup>viii</sup>

## For more information

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<sup>i</sup> Scottish Health Survey 2015, Scottish Government, 2016

<sup>ii</sup> Scottish Health Survey 2015 Health Board Results, Scottish Government, 2016

<sup>iii</sup> Alcohol-related hospital statistics Scotland 2015/16, NHS National Services Scotland, 2016

<sup>iv</sup> Alcohol-related deaths 2015, National Records of Scotland, 2016

<sup>v</sup> Children's Social Work Statistics, ScotPHO Alcohol Profile, 2015

<sup>vi</sup> Scottish liquor licensing statistics 2015/16, Scottish Government, 2016

<sup>vii</sup> Alcohol outlets and health in Scotland, CRESH, 2014

<sup>viii</sup> Local cost of alcohol profile, Alcohol Focus Scotland, 2012