

«Options of Municipalities in Prevention and Reduction of the Harm Caused by Alcohol.»

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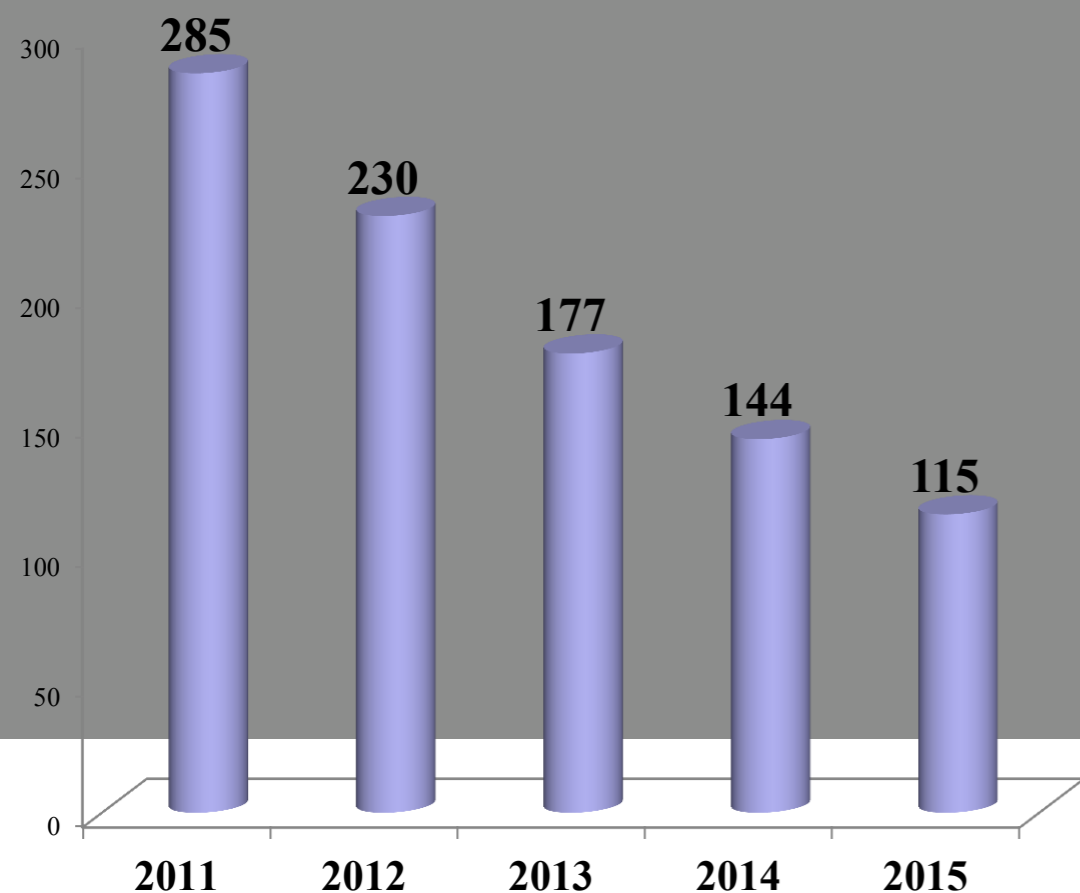
Regulatory Legislations on Limitations of Alcohol Trading and Consumption



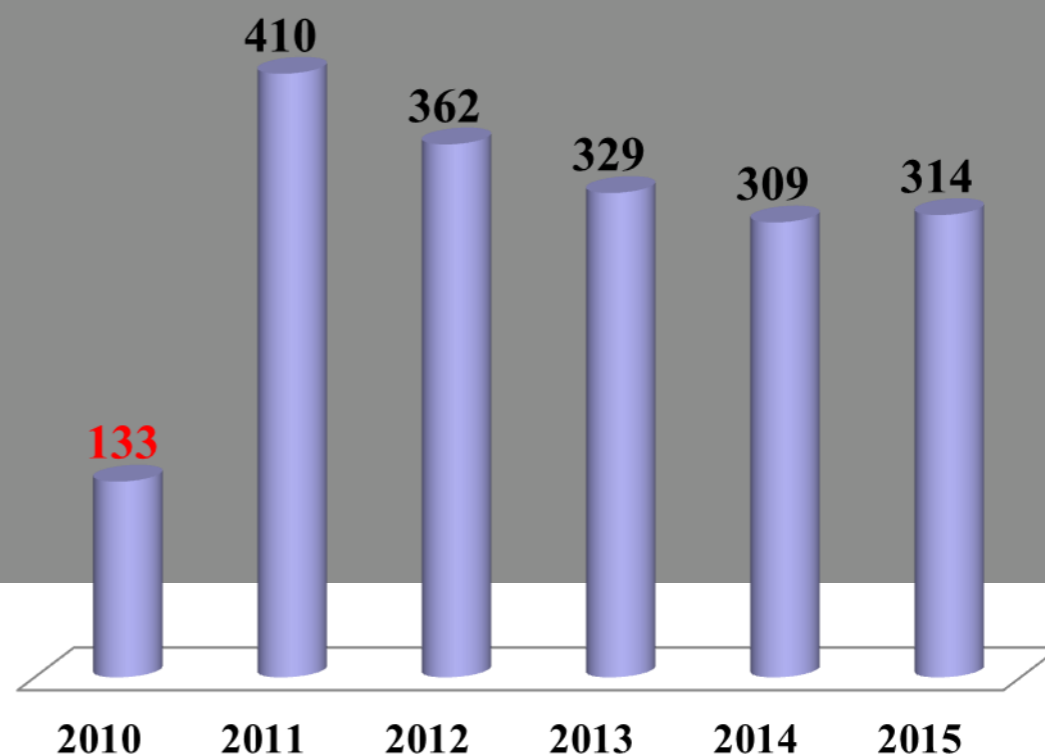
- ✓ **Handling of Alcoholic Beverages Law**
- ✓ **Latvian Administrative Violations Code**
- ✓ **- Riga City council 19.06.2007. Binding Regulations Nr.80 “Public Order Regulations of Riga”** - forbids being situated with an open beer or any other alcoholic beverage package in any opened container except locations, where the consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted by the municipality (penalty – *monetary fine up to 142 EUR*).
- ✓ **- Riga City council 27.01.2015. Binding Regulations Nr.135 “On the retail of alcoholic beverages in time and space constraints”** (Entry into Force 01.01.2016.) - Aim of the regulations is to prevent the sales of alcoholic beverages in cafe-stores after 22:00 o'clock for take away.

The Consumption of alcoholic beverages or other intoxicating substances or being under alcoholic or other intoxicating substance influence if the violation is committed by a minor.

Administrative violation protocols issued by Riga Municipal Police



Cases examined by Riga City Council Administrative Committee SubCommittee of Child Cases



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Action, tools and events to decrease alcohol consumption among youth.



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Inter-institutional team collaboration – an effective tool in prevention of addiction causing the start and continuation of substance consumption, keeping and distribution in education facilities.

In 2010 a trilateral cooperation agreement was created among Riga municipality institutions – department of Education, Culture and Sports, Welfare department and Municipal police. The basic principles of exchange of information, collaboration and competence zones were clearly defined.

Main benefits of aforementioned collaboration – immediate complex institution involvement and individual approach to each registered case by organizing recovery and aid events.



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Effective patrols – presence of an officer on patrol in direct vicinity of each general education facility in Riga.

More than **120** patrol routes have been developed by the Riga Municipal Police in which school territories and the objects in their vicinity – stores, gathering and entertainment locations of minors, as well as places to which special attention has to be provided according to operative information, have been included.

In some of the organized patrol routes officers work in 12 hour shifts.



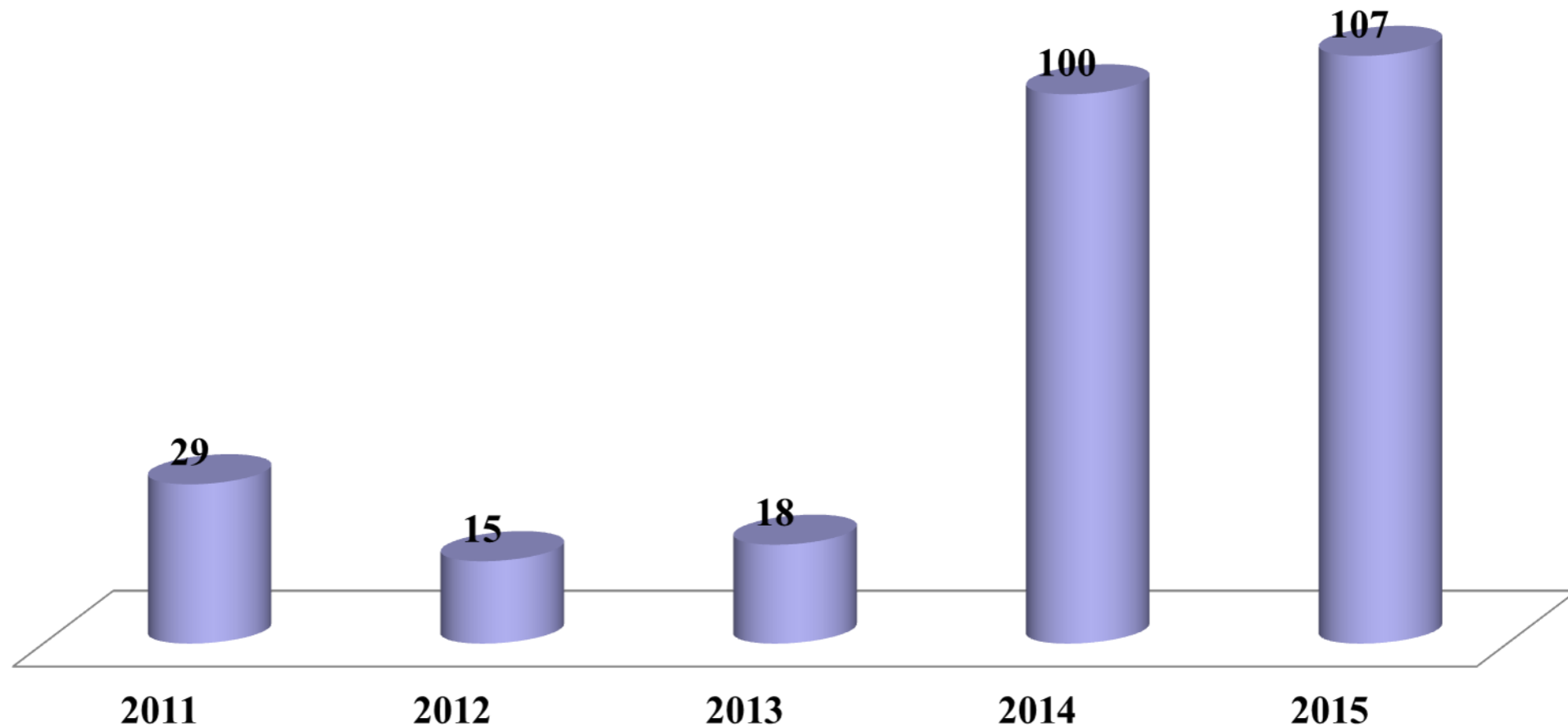


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Control-purchases organized by Riga Municipal Police.

Administrative violation protocols issued for alcoholic beverage and tobacco sales to minors





Problematics:

Public opinion towards alcohol consumption is tolerant, it is not condemned unless alcohol use is excessive.

● **Proposals:**

- The problem of alcohol consumption by children should be solved on a national level, creating effective treatment courses, providing adequate financial resources and prioritizing children addiction treatment.
- Children should not be penalized for the infringement, but instead involved in social correction and treatment programs *
- Campaigns in order to reduce the consumption of alcohol among youth should be carried out.
- Collaboration between municipal institutions, governmental institutions and non-governmental organizations in treatment of addiction causing substances should be developed.
- Competent authorities should carry out enhanced control of trade restrictions



Thank you for your attention!