






## Scottish Manifestos 2011

<u>Party</u>	<u>Key Pledges</u>
<p>Scottish Conservatives</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take forward the Regulatory Review Group recommendation and <b>investigate moving to a system of alcohol premises licenses where the fees are related to alcohol turnover.</b></li> <li>• Take action across all parts of government – the criminal justice system as well as the NHS – to help tackle problem alcohol consumption.</li> <li>• <b>See Scotland follow the UK Government’s lead and ban the sale of alcohol below the cost of duty and VAT.</b></li> <li>• <b>Expand the scope of the rural business rate reliefs</b> which help protect rural post offices, <b>pubs</b>, hotels and petrol stations.</li> </ul>
<p>Scottish Labour</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliver a National Strategy for Action on Alcohol, to identify fair and effective measures to tackle alcohol abuse. We must break the cycle of abusive behaviour and take a long-term approach to change the culture of drinking in Scotland.</li> <li>• <b>Continue support measures to prevent irresponsible alcohol promotions.</b> We will crack down on the sale of alcohol to under eighteens through greater use of test purchasing and by encouraging bottle tagging.</li> <li>• Following the examples elsewhere in Europe and in America, take action to limit the permitted levels of caffeine in pre-mixed alcoholic drinks, which have been linked to anti-social behaviour.</li> <li>• Promote alcohol awareness across all age and income groups and build on current good practice by supporting local alcohol partnerships.</li> <li>• Introduce Drink Banning Orders to curb alcohol-fuelled antisocial behaviour in problem cases.</li> <li>• <b>Introduce a right for licensing forums to petition local authorities to end 24 hour licensing where problems arise</b> and encourage local licensing boards to enforce the tagging of bottles of alcohol in problem areas to help crack down on under-age drinking, naming and shaming the retailers and adults who supply kids with alcohol.</li> </ul>
<p>Scottish Liberal Democrats</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure the stringent enforcement of existing alcohol law, ending the low rates of prosecution for selling alcohol to drunk people and underage young people. <b>We will make full use of the substantial – but under-used – powers of licensing boards to address alcohol problems in their local areas.</b></li> <li>• <b>Continue to support UK-wide measures to tackle the sale of alcohol at unacceptably low cost</b>, avoiding unintended consequences of cross-border sales and without simply boosting the profits of retailers.</li> <li>• Work with the UK Government on setting challenging responsibility duties for the licensed trade.</li> </ul>

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<p>Scottish National Party</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The new <b>Alcohol Act</b> will further <b>tackle irresponsible alcohol promotions, end quantity discounting</b> and introduce a Challenge 25 age verification scheme.</li><li>• An SNP government <b>will introduce a Minimum Pricing Bill</b> as a priority in our first legislative program and we will seek to build a coalition of support for it in Parliament to match the one that already exists outside of Parliament.</li><li>• Keep the <b>Small Business Bonus</b>, so 80,000 Scottish businesses continue to pay no rates or lower rates.</li></ul>
<p>United Kingdom Independence Party</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scrap the smoking ban as a needless restriction on freedom, giving owners of pubs and other buildings the freedom to set aside rooms for smokers if they want.</li></ul>