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Alcohol Open Container

Resources and Tools

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Why are open container laws important for traffic safety?

Open container laws help prevent *active consumption* of alcohol in vehicles—a major risk factor for impaired driving. By clearly prohibiting the use or easy access to intoxicating substances while driving, these laws provide officers with a simple, proactive tool to stop dangerous behavior *before* it results in a crash.

2. Do open container laws really reduce impaired driving?

Yes. States with strong alcohol open container laws have lower rates of impaired-driving crashes, according to federal data. However, the effectiveness of these laws is often tied to active enforcement, with research showing that enforcement of open container laws is underutilized.

Additional Resources:

- 1) Responsibility.org
 - a) [Policy Position: Open Container Laws](#)