Environmental Scans

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Learning Objectives

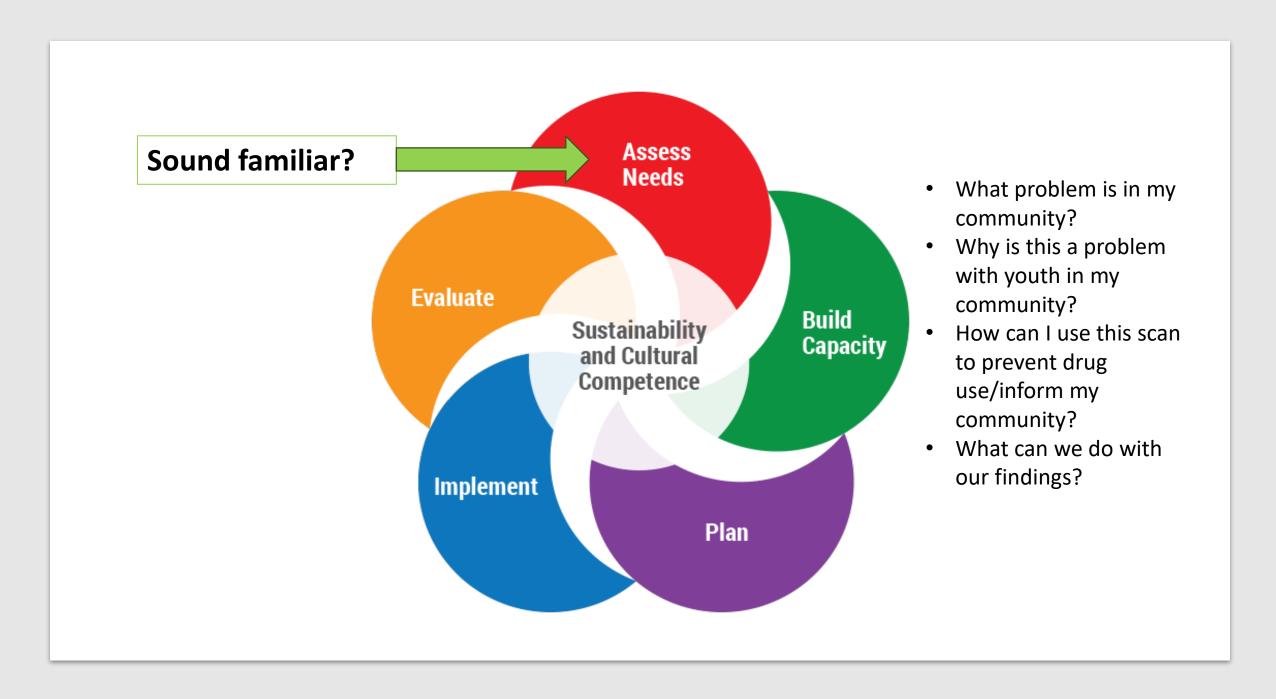
- What is an environmental scan and how can I use this method in my community?
- Methodology of environmental scans/strategic planning
- Establishments that can be scanned
- Updates on fads and trends in alcohol, tobacco, and cannabis



The marketing mix, or 4 Ps of marketing, can help coalitions determine where in the community change needs to occur. For a community environmental approach, the target market seen above informs initiative planning and implementation. Graphic adapted from <u>NetMBA.com</u>.

What is an environmental scan?

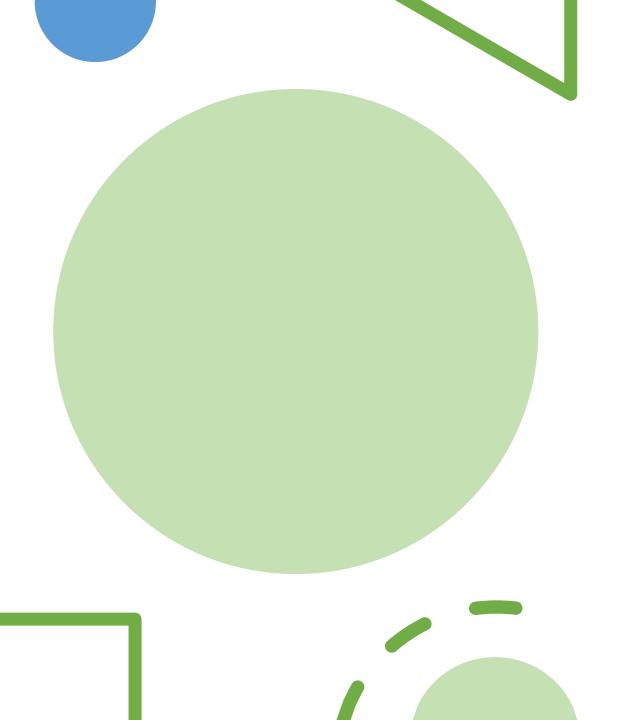
- Gathering visible information on local conditions surrounding alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs
- Who does environmental scans?
 - Community members like public health professionals, preventionists, parents, community members, law enforcement
- Assessment Method What products are in your community?
 - Assessing with Marketing 4 P's
 - PRICE
 - PRODUCT
 - PROMOTION
 - PLACE



Methodology: what does your community want to know? Why do you want to know it?

- Questions you want answered
 - What are some examples in your community?
- What information you should collect
 - What product/trend is most concerning for your study/scan
 - Mapping the liquor license holders in your local area is a great first step prior to the scan.
- How you will collect/analyze information
 - Provide the team with a map or list of on-premise and/or off-premise locations you wish to scan.





- **Safety** is also a consideration for your environmental scan.
 - Always go in pairs or a group.
 - First, ask to speak with a manager to share the purpose of the scan.
 - If the situation doesn't feel safe, then leave.
 - Partnering with your LEOs can be a great way to approach scans in areas that may have concerns.

Where are environmental scans important?

- Local alcohol outlets/liquor stores
- Convenience stores
- Vape shops/tobacco outlets
- Restaurants/bars
- Other retail/commercial outlets
- Parks and recreation areas
- Focus in on high-traffic areas:
 - Outlets near churches, schools, recreation areas, daycare centers, etc.

4 P's

Price:

- Does the price change based on the time of day?
- Is alcohol cheaper than non-alcohol (water/soda)?
- How much tax is collected?
- Are larger quantities of alcohol cheaper than smaller quantities?

Product:

- Are single units sold?
- Is there a brand more popular with underage youth offered for sale?
- Are products with high alcohol content sold?
- Are caffeinated alcoholic products sold?

Promotion:

- Are they advertising drink specials?
- Are there displays related to holidays or events?
- Are there displays in non-alcohol-related areas of the store?
- Are gifts attached to alcohol purchases?

Placement:

- Is alcohol in a cooler next to water/soda?
- Is alcohol by an entrance/exit?
- Is alcohol next to candy?
- Is alcohol available at the check-out counter?

Where do we start? Outside!

- 1. Select the correct form type for your specific establishment
- 2. The form will begin with "Outside" observations of the store front. (Grocery stores may not have any signs marketing ATOD outside)



3. Next up- asking for permission



Once finished, walk inside and ask the manager on duty for permission to scan. (If they do not consent- that's OK! Best to move on with your outlet list to the next establishment)

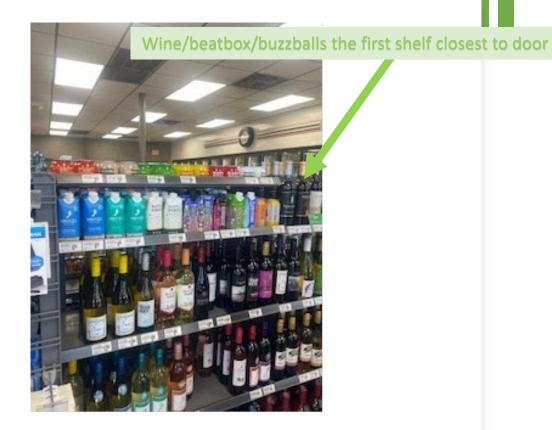


The next part of the form will detail questions for "Inside" the store

You can also use this opportunity to ask the clerk/manager about PREP, DOR licenses, etc.

4. Scanning the merchandise and placement

- What products are being sold?
- Where are they placed? Eye level? Out of reach?
- Who are they marketed to?
 - 4 P's



Types of Displays - Alcohol

Beer Cave and Monster energy alcohol, Bojangles Sweet Tea, Happy Dad







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Convenience Store Continued







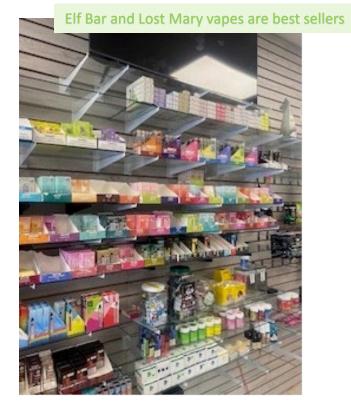
Unregulated merchandise:

- -Lacking age verification equipment
- ever changing products
- -taking a closer look

Vape Shop











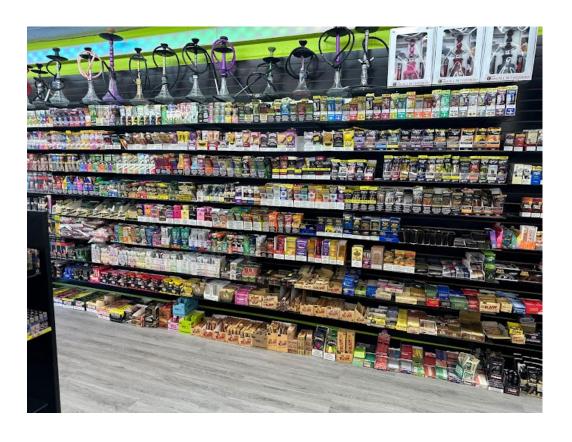




Vape Shops Continued



- Nicotine as well as cannabis/hemp products
- Equipment and accessories for marijuana consumption



Grocery Stores

- Grocery stores may not have any alcohol or tobacco advertising on the storefront
- Important to look for nearby drinking game items on aisle hooks and hang tags
 - Ping pong balls, small shot glass cups, red SOLO cups
- More likely to sell larger quantities and have specials/discounts
 - Sometimes alcohol sales in large quantities like 24 packs More limited tobacco/vape selection if any electronic cigarettes
 - Usually behind the register/specific tobacco counter at most larger stores
- Double checking over alcohol section as more local IPAs etc. can be sold
 - Parents/grandparents not as familiar with brands/ more concealed



Alcohol Environmental Scans 4/21/24







NATURAL FLAVORS WITH OTHER NATURAL FLAVORS

Cannabis Fads & Trends







POT TART: 1000mg

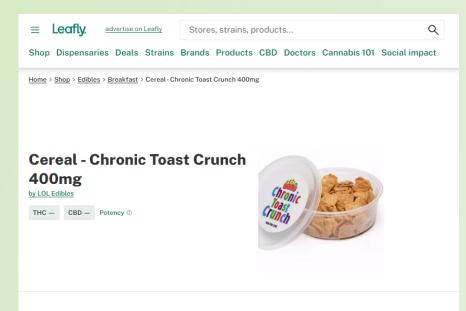
GAIA - hybrid

VARIETY/SINGLE — These 1000mg pastries are a delicious and easy treat to look forward to. The perfect snack to enjoy at home or on the go! — Cannabis contains CBD which is a chemical that impacts the brain, making it function better without giving it a high along with THC which has pain relieving properties. Both substances can be extracted and enhanced for use through short path distillation. Users can get the following health benefits of cannabis: Relief of chronic pain There are hundreds of chemical compounds in cannabis, many of which are cannabinoids. Cannabinoids have been linked to providing relief of chronic pain due to their chemical makeup. Which is why cannabis' by-product such as medical cannabis is commonly used for chronic pain relief. Improves lung capacity Unlike smoking cigarettes, when smoking cannabis in the form of cannabis your lungs aren't harmed. In fact, a study found that cannabis actually helps increase the capacity of the lungs rather than cause any harm to it. Help lose weight If you look around, you will notice that the avid cannabis user is usually not overweight. That is because cannabis is

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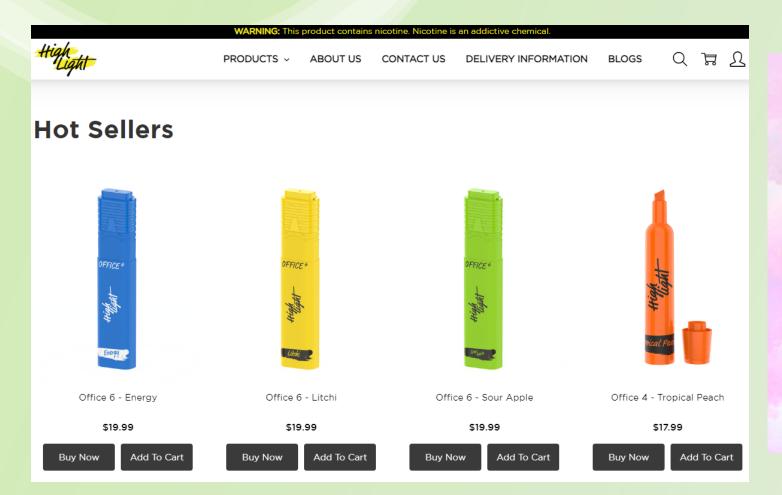


About this product

Tasty cereal infused with 400mg of THC.



Cannabis Fads & Trends



About Highlight Vape

Welcome to High Light Vape, where we specialize in creating innovative and discreet vaping solutions for those on the go. Our flagship product is a disposable vape that looks like a highlighter, making it the perfect option for those who want to vape discreetly in public.

The Office 4 is a 4000 puff device that is perfect for those who want a longer-lasting vape option without sacrificing convenience or discretion. With its sleek and compact design, the Office 4 with its 20 flavor option, is the perfect choice for anyone who wants to vape on the go without drawing unwanted attention to themselves.

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FORMS: Paper and fillable

South Carolina Alcohol Enforcement Teams Environmental Scan for Vape Shops/Tobacco

Does the store have any age verification devices or signs near the register? Yes No Has this store participated in PREP? Yes No Are there any signs informing customers it is illegal to purchase tobacco for minors inside? Yes No Additional Comments:	Are the tobacco advertisements: Store made signs Professional/manufacturer signs/ads Sales/discounted prices Where are the products placed in th store? On the shelf In refrigerator doors Behind the counter Displayed at front of store By the register	Vapes Cigars Chewing Tobacco Synthetic drugs Paraphemalia Marijuana merchandise
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Additional Observations/Notes:		

South Carolina Alcohol Enforcement Teams

	Environme	ental Scan for Convenience Stores	Gas Stations		
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After the Scan

Reporting



Be prepared to share the results with community stakeholders and your coalition. This data will help guide your strategy choices.



Follow scans up with letters to the businesses you visited. Let them know what your scan revealed and how they can implement changes to prevent retail underage access to alcohol.

Sharing Our Experiences

- What worked?
- What didn't?
- Things to make note of...
 - Addition of pharmacy/drug store forms
 - Any other forms ideas?
 - Any other training topics?

What's the

Buzz?

New Fads in Teen Alcohol Use











Alcohol Energy Drinks

- First hit the US market in 2002
- Two leading manufacturers saw their sales increase by 67 times between 2002 to 2008, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- In 2008, Anheuser-Busch agreed to take caffeine out of energy drinks that contain alcohol (TILT), after 11 state attorneys general charged the brewer was marketing them to underage drinkers. This action is also followed by MillerCoors in the same year (SPARKS).

What's the big deal with energy alcohol drinks?

- Caffeine and alcohol are both diuretics, so dehydration is a possible issue.
- Combining strong stimulants (caffeine or caffeine-like stimulants) with a heavy depressant (alcohol) could cause cardiopulmonary or cardiovascular failures.
- Both stimulants and alcohol contribute to a loss of coordination and balance.
- Both stimulants and alcohol affect the body's ability to regulate temperature.
- Stimulants may cause drinkers to feel more alert, making them perceive themselves as less impaired for driving or other dangerous activities.
- Stimulants cause drinkers to stay awake and alert longer, possibly extending the length of time they will continue drinking.

FDA BANS ALCOHOL ENERGY DRINKS

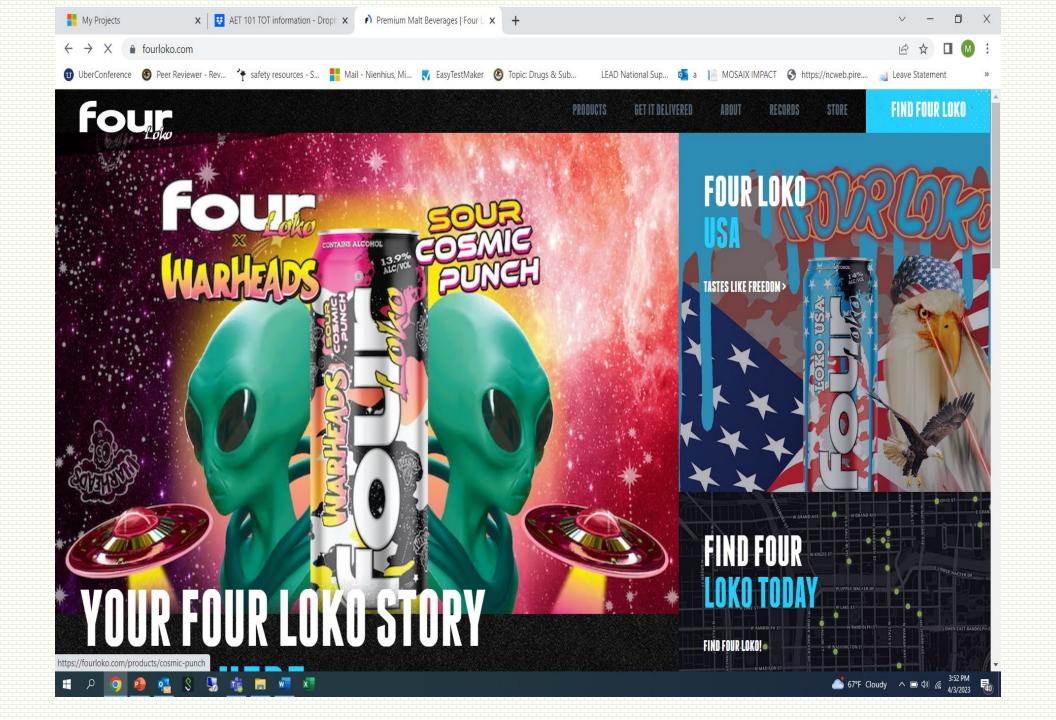
- November 17, 2010
- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration warned four companies that the caffeine added to their malt alcoholic beverages is an "unsafe food additive" and said that further action, including seizure of their products, is possible under federal law.
- FDA is aware that on November 16, Phusion Projects, LLC, the maker of Four Loko, announced its intention to remove caffeine and other stimulants from its drinks.

Energy Drinks and Youth



In contrast to declining sales for most other types of sugary drinks, sales of energy drinks increased by 53 percent from 2007 to 2012, and manufacturers continue to market these products directly to youth.

- •In 2011, 35 percent of eighth-graders reported consuming an energy drink at least once in the past year and 18 percent consumed more than one on those days.
- •Energy drink brands spent \$282 million in advertising in all media in 2012, 2.5 times the amount spent in 2008, while TV ads viewed by youth doubled during this period.
- •Red Bull and SK Energy shots purchased TV advertising during TV programming and social media viewed disproportionately more often by adolescents, while children saw more TV ads for 5-Hour Energy shots in 2010 than for any other beverage except Capri Sun.



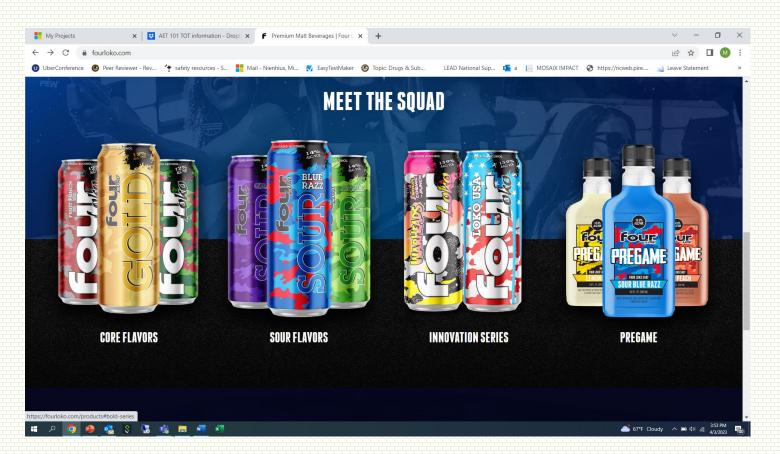
Products

CORE Flavors- 12-14% ABV (9 flavors)

Sour Flavors- 14% ABV (4 flavors)

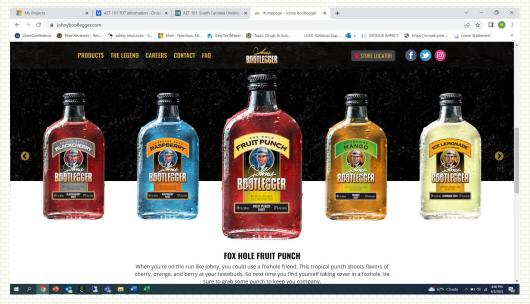
Innovation Series- 13.9-14% ABV (2 flavors)

Pregame- 12% ABV (7 flavors)





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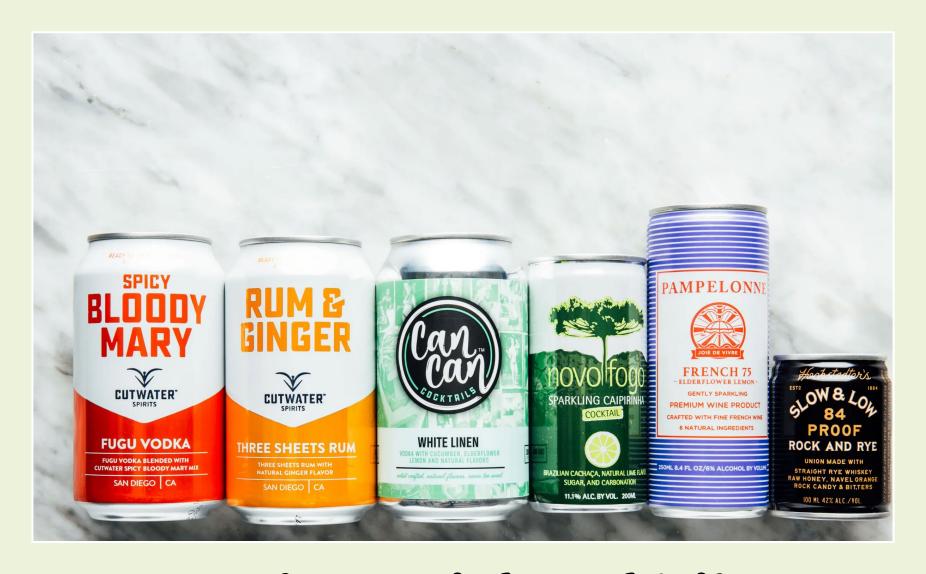












Ready To Drink Cocktails







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Drinks with High ABU — Which is which?









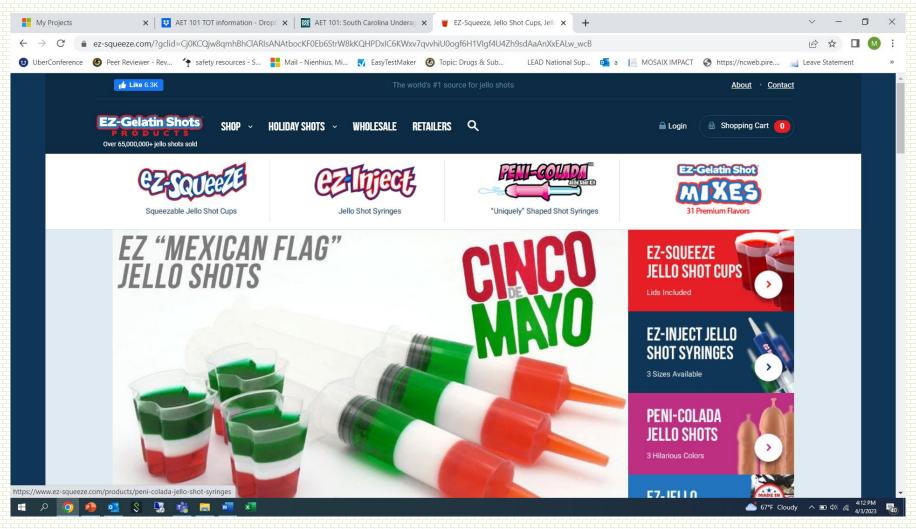








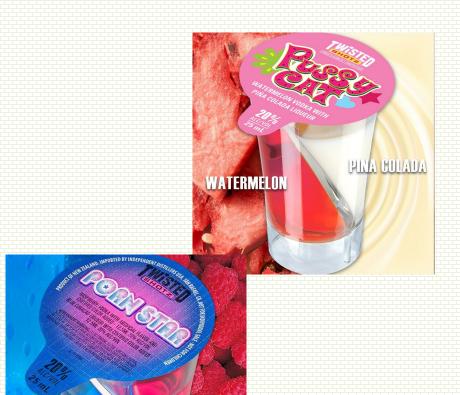
Pre-Made Jell-O Shots



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Twisted Shotz come in twisted plastic 12-ml shot glasses that deliver two separate flavors in one shot. One side houses a creamy vodka-based vanilla spirit and the other features one of two flavors: a vodka-based strawberry or butterscotch (almost like the yin and yang in shot form). The mixture results in a 20-percent alcohol-by-volume flavored shot.

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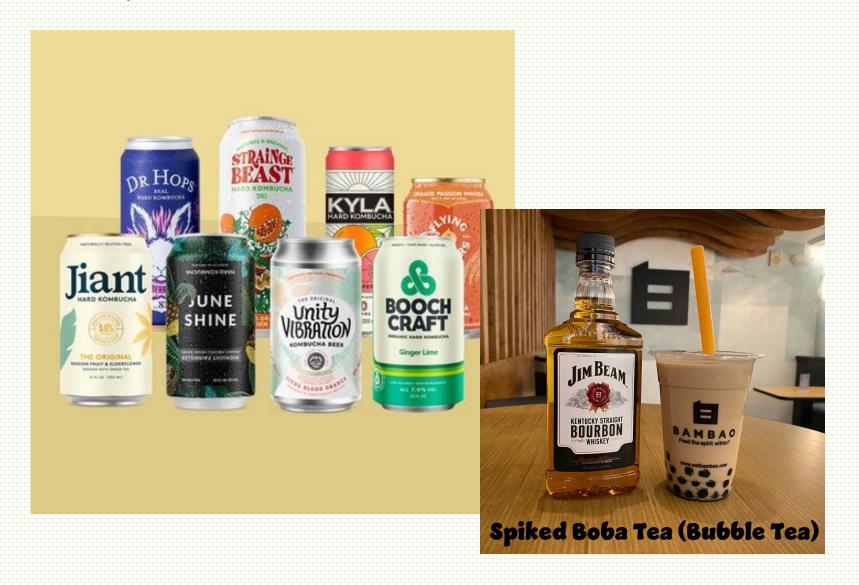








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We're way past hard seltzer: The spiked drinks keep coming

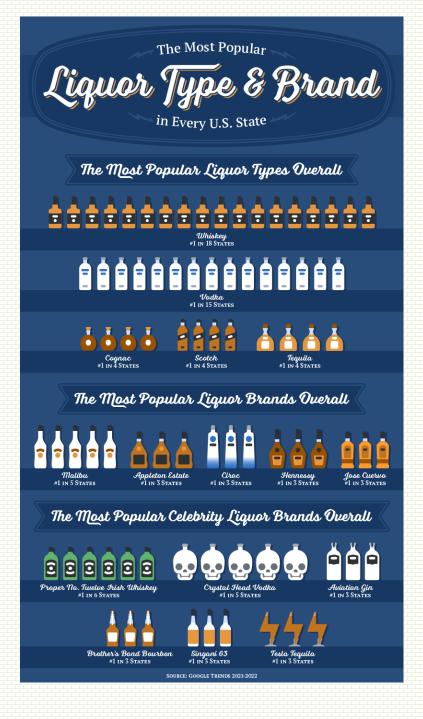
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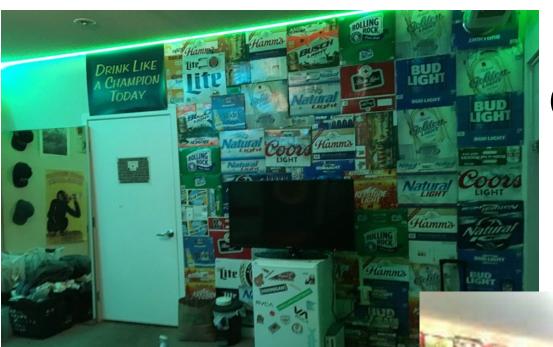
Upstate, SC March 2023

Four Loko Pregame
"Shots"

13. 9% alcohol – 200ml
bottles (6. 80z) – \$2. 05
Sour Blue Razz, Sour Grape,
Sour Apple, Sour Peach,
Lemonade

Margaritaville Tropical
Punch
4% alcohol - 120z - 5 for \$5
Mango Peach Paradise,
Strawberry Daiquiri

For reference, Coke products were 200z for \$2.00



Greek/College Life & Alcohol



Greek Life & Alcohol





10. A copious amount of empty liquor bottles on top of the kitchen cabinets.





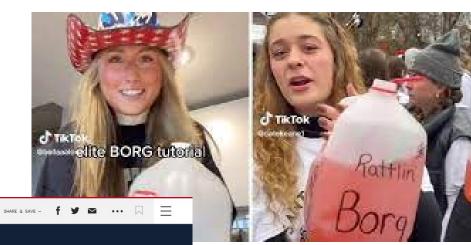


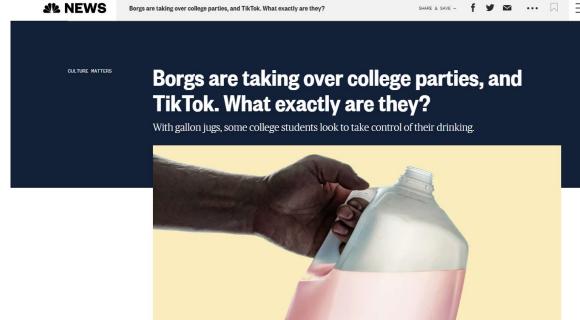




Borgs – "blackout rage gallons"

- Empty half of the gallon of water
- Replace with vodka
- Add electrolyte powder,
 flavored syrup (Mio, etc)





Beware the Borg

UMass Amherst warns against TikTok binge drinking trend after 28 ambulance calls Saturday

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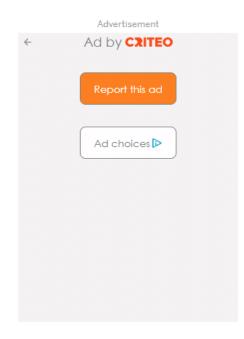




By Tréa Lavery | TLavery@masslive.com

University of Massachusetts Amherst is warning against a TikTok trend after the Amherst Fire Department received 28 calls for ambulance transports over the weekend.

UMass and Amherst officials said in a press release that numerous students were seen carrying "borgs" or "blackout rage gallons," gallon jugs filled with alcohol, electrolytes and water, during off-campus student gatherings on Saturday. The binge drinking trend gained popularity on the social media app TikTok and has been seen at colleges around the country.



Social Media Marketing & Alcohol

Prank channel Youtubers create and market beer "Happy Dad" to young audience









Media & Alcohol



Popular "Yellowstone" TV actor campaigning during show's commercials for seltzer



Rapper Travis Scott's alcohol line with Budweiser



Underage Drinking & Memes







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- CADCA The Coalition Impact: Environmental Prevention Strategies

