

Concerned about emergency room wait times?



Greater access to alcohol through grocery stores led to over **24,000 more people** in Ontario emergency rooms.¹

This is equivalent to:

**A midsize Ontario city or town
– like Brockville or Midland**

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Research from Ontario shows that once the province started selling alcohol in grocery stores, there were over 24,000 more people admitted to emergency rooms than in the two years before. **If alcohol sales continue to expand into corner stores, what will this mean for your community?** Longer wait times, higher costs, and more alcohol-related harms.

¹ Myran DT, Chen JT, Giesbrecht N, Rees VW. The association between alcohol access and alcohol-attributable emergency department visits in Ontario, Canada. *Addiction*. 2019 Mar 29. DOI: 10.1111/add.14597

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