

# Coast Roads Community Festival 2022 – Zero Drugs & Searching Plan

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## Introduction

Due to the nature of our event, we may encounter illegal substances, we set to protect our event against such a problem by setting out a detailed and concise licenced premises drugs policy. The nature of this will provide us with a clear guidance to the correct procedures and protocols to help minimise the harm of illegal substances for all our customers whilst on our premises helping protect their health, safety and welfare. This policy will make all staff aware of the appropriate actions they need to take to assist us in keeping illegal substances off the premises. This will be achieved through the implementation of the following procedures:

## Signage

“Zero Drugs Policy” signage & stop & search warning signage will be displayed upon the entrance & exits also throughout the event site to deter drug use & distribution throughout the venue & make people aware of on the spot search policies we uphold.

## Rights of Entry

The premise license holders, SIA licence holders & festival staff members acting on the premises behalf reserve the right to decide who will be allowed to enter the premises, and also reserve the right to refuse entry and eject customers from the venue, within reason. Conditions of entry will be visible at point of entry, highlighting details of random speculative searches & a zero drugs tolerance policy in accordance with the misuse of drugs act 1971.

## Seizing & Finding Controlled Substances (S 5) 4 Misuse of Drugs Act 1971

If substances are suspected by event staff or event organisers through stop & search or site monitoring, the substances will be confiscated to prevent further use or distribution, the suspected substance will be locked in the drugs safe and reported to the relevant authorities. Applicable people include all staff, ticket holders, guests, artists and contractors that are involved with the convention. There are no exclusions to this. The Coast Roads Festival has a zero-tolerance approach to the use of drugs on its premises. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Possession of a controlled drug.
- Possession with intent to supply another person.
- Production, cultivation or manufacture of controlled drugs.
- Supplying another person with a controlled drug.
- Offering to supply another person with a controlled drug.
- Import or export of controlled drugs.
- Allowing premises to be used for the consumption of certain controlled drugs

## Appendix 2

- Possession of any 'legal high', 'research chemicals', 'novel psychoactive substances', 'NPS', 'designer drugs' or 'herbal highs'.

### Actions

All volunteers and contractors should be vigilant and look out for signs of drug use or drug dealing. If any Drugs are found on an individual the person should be held by SIA security personnel and the Head of Security and the venue Duty Manager should be informed to attend the incident immediately. Should any illegal substances be found, items will be seized by SIA personnel immediately. Quantities are irrelevant. The substances to be placed in the Drugs Safe at the Venue. The Event Management and Security Manager will make the judgment whether to eject or detain for the police; this will be evaluated by the amount of illegal substance that is seized. If needed, the individual and the substance to be handed directly to Police, and the incident will be then managed by the responding Police personnel. All cases involving the Drugs will be reported back to the Event Management, including as much information as is known.

### Making Notes & Keeping a Record

All incidents will be reported to management who will keep a recorded log of each event. All SIA staff will be adequately trained and instructed to report each case accordingly. A logbook will be kept with notes on each case.

### Premise Layout

The physical layout of the event means there will be some black spots, for example passageways and toilets, these areas will be regularly and closely monitored. We'll have the following measures in place to ensure such opportunists are caught and ejected from the venue and the police notified.

We'll ensure this is achieved through implementing the following measures:

- Toilets regularly monitored and patrolled
- Surrounding areas regularly patrolled
- SIA License holders present & patrolling all areas of the site at regular intervals
- Notices upon entry of our stop and search policy
- Amnesty bin for drugs upon entry
- Number of entrances will be kept to a minimum and will be manned at all times
- All areas will be lit at all times

### First Aid & Medical Emergencies

In case of a medical emergency where someone is suspected as taken a controlled substance we'll have full trained paramedics and a number of fully trained first aiders for all attendees safety. This will be contactable via radio and will be clearly sign posted at all times.

### Conclusion

Coast Roads Festival uphold a strict zero drugs policy and as stated above there will be strict search policies on entry to the venue, anyone who refuse to adhere to such procedures will be refused entry and the police will be notified.