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Alcohol, drug and Smoking Policy

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Relevant Policies and documentation

- Code of Conduct
- Serious Incident Reporting Policy
- Whistleblowing policy
- Adults in the Award Policy
- Child Protection Policy

1. Introduction: Keeping everyone safe from harm

1.1 This policy serves to protect all individuals, especially children, young people, and vulnerable adults, involved with the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Malta (referred to as "the Award"). It articulates our commitment to create a safe and positive environment free from harm and abuse. Keeping Award participants, and those they engage with, safe from harm is the Awards number one priority.

1.2 The Award is committed to providing a safe, healthy, and substance-free environment for all participants and volunteers during its activities. This policy outlines the prohibitions and responsibilities related to the use of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco products during DofE events.

2. Policy statement

2.1 Prohibited Substances

- The consumption or possession of alcohol and illegal drugs by participants, leaders, or any other members of the Award during activities is strictly prohibited. This rule applies irrespective of the presence of young people.
- The sale of alcohol, tobacco products, and illegal drugs is forbidden at all venues and during all activities organised by or in the name of the Award.

2.3 Medication

The use of prescription drugs is permitted if they are medically necessary and prescribed by a qualified healthcare professional. However, the possession and administration of such medications must be managed responsibly and in accordance with medical guidance.

2.2 Tobacco and Smoking

- Smoking, including the use of e-cigarettes and other vaping devices, is prohibited in the presence of participants or within the activity areas.
- Designated smoking areas may be established but must be clearly marked and located at a significant distance from activity areas to ensure that smoke does not drift into areas occupied by participants. These areas will be equipped with appropriate disposal containers to maintain cleanliness and prevent fire hazards.



3. Enforcement

3.1 Any participant or volunteer found in violation of this policy, such as being under the influence of prohibited substances, or engaging in unauthorised smoking, will be subject to disciplinary action. This may include immediate removal from the activity, notification of parents or guardians, and potential dismissal from the program.

3.2 Serious incidents may also lead to further investigation and, where applicable, reporting to local authorities.



4. Responsibilities

4.1 It is the responsibility of all Award leaders and volunteers to enforce this policy rigorously and to set a positive example for participants.

4.2 Award Leaders are required to monitor for any signs of substance abuse among participants and to intervene appropriately to ensure compliance with this policy.

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Your centre is more than a place of learning—it's where young people ignite their passion for adventure and acquire a thirst for knowledge. As a Duke of Edinburgh's Award centre, you uphold the highest standards of safety and incident reporting. This steadfast commitment ensures that young adventurers can explore and grow with peace of mind, secure in the knowledge that their well-being is prioritised, paving the way for their lifelong success



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If you have any questions regarding our policies or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us. Comprehensive details of our policies can be readily accessed on our website.

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