

# Policy on Misuse of Drugs, Solvents and Inhalants



<b>Rationale</b>	To ensure the safety of girls, GirlGuiding New Zealand condemns the misuse of drugs, solvents and inhalants.
<b>Purposes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide a secure environment free from the misuse of drugs, solvents and inhalants.</li> <li>• To make members aware that the misuse of drugs and certain substances is illegal.</li> <li>• To raise awareness among members of the dangers of the misuse of drugs, solvents inhalants and party or herbal pills or products.</li> </ul>
<b>Guidelines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GirlGuiding New Zealand adopts a zero tolerance approach to the             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use of prohibited drugs</li> <li>• inappropriate use of prescription and over-the-counter medicines</li> <li>• inappropriate use of solvents or inhalants</li> <li>• inappropriate use of party or herbal pills/products</li> </ul>             by any GirlGuiding New Zealand member or person working with GirlGuiding New Zealand members.           </li> <li>• GirlGuiding New Zealand prohibits the possession, sale, supply/exchange or negotiation in relation to any of the above, when representing GirlGuiding New Zealand in any capacity.</li> <li>• GirlGuiding New Zealand condemns the use of performance enhancing drugs and doping practices in sport and outdoor activities as contrary to the ethics of sport and leisure. It fully supports the initiatives of SPARC and other agencies to deter the use of performance enhancing drugs and doping practices.</li> <li>• GirlGuiding New Zealand includes information on drug issues and healthy life-style choices in its programmes.</li> <li>• Any matters considered to be a breach of this policy by any member should be reported in the first instance to the regional co-ordinator (refer to sections on Girl and Adult Suspensions in <i>A Guide to Guiding in New Zealand</i>). The procedures outlined on dealing with complaints against leaders must be used for both girl and adult members and should be followed, to ensure all parties are given a fair hearing.</li> <li>• The co-ordinator is responsible for the decision on appropriate action and any necessary discipline.</li> <li>• Further actions must be left to the professional agencies.</li> </ul>
<b>Conclusion</b>	GirlGuiding New Zealand expects its members to comply with the above policy and the New Zealand law in this matter.
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