Policy on Misuse of Drugs, Solvents and Inhalants, including Smoking and Vaping

Rational:

To ensure the safety of members and compliance with the relevant legislation.

The purpose of the [Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990](#) and all subsequent amendments is to reduce the exposure of non-smokers to second-hand smoke and to generally discourage smoking and vaping.

The [Misuse of Drugs Act 1975](#) (and all subsequent amendments) sets out requirements in regard to the use of illegal and controlled substances.

Purpose:

To provide a secure environment free from the misuse of drugs, solvents and inhalants including smoking and vaping by members.

Requirements:

Misuse of Drugs

GirlGuiding NZ adopts a zero-tolerance approach to the

- Use of prohibited drugs.
- Inappropriate use of controlled substances, solvents or inhalants.
- The use of performance enhancing drugs in the sport or outdoor activities.

Smoking and Vaping

No member under the legal age may smoke or vape.

Section 7(a) of the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990 prohibits smoking and vaping at early childhood education and care centres.

In line with the legislation's intent:

- There is no smoking or vaping at unit meetings or events in front of girls participating in Guiding.
- Smoking or vaping on GirlGuiding NZ properties must be in designated areas.
- When transporting girls participating in Guiding, smoking or vaping is <u>not</u> permitted in the vehicle while girls are being transported.

General intent

- GirlGuiding NZ includes information on drug issues and healthy lifestyle choices in its programmes.
- GirlGuiding NZ supports Sports NZ and other agencies to deter the use of performance enhancing drugs and doping practises.
- Any breaches of this policy will be dealt with in line with the Adult Complaint, Incident and Performance Process.
- GirlGuiding NZ may refer any breaches, to the appropriate legal authority where necessary