

Policy on Management and Consumption of Alcohol

Rationale	<p>To ensure the safety of members and compliance with the relevant legislation.</p> <p>The object of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 is that the sale, supply and consumption of alcohol should be undertaken safely and responsibly and the harm caused by the excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol should be minimized.</p>
Purpose	<p>To outline the circumstance and expectations for the consumption of alcohol by members.</p> <p>To keep within the legislation affecting the sale, supply and use of liquor</p>
Requirements	<p>It is illegal to sell or supply anyone under the age of 18 alcohol (without the express consent of a parent or guardian) therefore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consumption of alcohol is prohibited at all GirlGuiding New Zealand girl activities, camps, and events. • The consumption of alcohol is prohibited in GirlGuiding NZ overseas contingents where there are girl members. • No member under the age of 18 years may consume alcohol while representing GirlGuiding New Zealand in any capacity. • No member under the age of 18 years may serve alcohol at any GirlGuiding New Zealand occasion. • If alcohol is found on site at any girl camp or event it will immediately be confiscated and destroyed. <p>The law governs whether minors (under 18 years) can be on licensed premises. When selecting a venue for an event ensure that where girls are present, we do not breach these conditions.</p> <p>Alcohol may be consumed at adult member events or as part of adult member only contingents however:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If girls are present at a GirlGuiding New Zealand event for adults, then the adults responsible for the care and safety of the girls must not consume any alcohol during the duration of the event. • If liquor is served at a GirlGuiding New Zealand occasion, non-alcoholic drinks must be available so that every person has a choice. • Responsible host and judgement should be displayed when alcohol is available and consumed. GirlGuiding NZ should not be brought into disrepute at any time. <p>While the Land Transport Act 1998 allows for some consumption of Alcohol when driving subject to prescribed limits, license conditions and age of the driver, GirlGuiding NZ prohibits any consumption of alcohol when transporting girls, as detailed in the Transport Policy in Safety Requirements for Programme Activities</p> <p>GirlGuiding New Zealand Facilities Terms and Conditions of Hire outline the requirement for Alcohol use and consumption at GirlGuiding NZ venues.</p>
General Intent	<p>GirlGuiding NZ supports responsible consumption of alcohol to help prevent alcohol-related harm. This includes ensuring that no advice is given, or decisions are made while judgement may be impaired by alcohol.</p> <p>Any breached 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.</p>
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