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Alcohol, Smoking and Illegal Drugs

Girl Guiding in Australia (GGiA) is committed to promoting and providing a healthy lifestyle and environment for all Members, Volunteers, and Employees.

[Element 7 - Health and Safety](#) of the Child Safe Child Friendly Framework on *Guide Lines* includes procedures to support Adults in Guiding understand their responsibilities for providing a safe and healthy environment for Youth Members.

The procedure for **Alcohol, Smoking and Illegal Drugs** has recently been updated. Please note the procedures now provide guidance on the expectation of Youth Members. Element 7. paragraph 6. now reads:

6. Alcohol, Smoking and Illegal Drugs

Adults in Guiding are encouraged to reflect on the example they set to Youth Members regarding a healthy lifestyle.

Adults in Guiding must not:

- consume alcohol, nor be under the influence of alcohol, at any GGiA event where Youth Members are present
- smoke (nor vape) at any GGiA event where Youth Members are present
- consume any illegal drugs, nor be under the influence of any illegal drugs at any GGiA event.

Alcohol is not permitted to be served at any GGiA event where Youth Members are present.

When alcohol is available at an adult only GGiA event, non-alcoholic drinks and food should also be provided.

Youth Members are encouraged to adopt a healthy lifestyle and must not:

- consume alcohol, nor be under the influence of alcohol
- smoke (nor vape) nor
- consume any illegal drugs, nor be under the influence of any illegal drugs

at any GGiA event or while wearing Girl Guide uniform or anything that identifies them as a member of Girl Guides.

To support Leaders, a link to the [Alcohol and Drug Foundation](#) website has been included on [Guide Lines](#).