



**REACH FESTIVAL**

# **Drugs Management Plan 2016**

## **Reach Festival**

Piked Edge Farm, Skipton Old Road  
Colne, BB8 7EP  
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## **1. Introduction**

Due to the nature of our event, we may come into contact with illegal substances, we set to protect our event against such a problem by setting out a detailed and concise licenced premises drugs policy. The nature of this will provide us with a clear guidance to the correct procedures and protocols to help minimise the harm of illegal substances for all our customers whilst on our premises helping protect their health, safety and welfare. This policy will make all staff aware of the appropriate actions they need to take to assist us in keeping illegal substances off the premises. This will be achieved through the implementation of the following procedures:

## **2. Signage**

“Zero Drugs Policy” signage & stop & search warning signage will be displayed upon the entrance & exits also throughout the event site to deter drug use & distribution throughout the venue & make people aware of on the spot search policies we uphold.

## **3. Rights of Entry**

The premise license holders, SIA licence holders & festival staff members acting on the premises behalf reserve the right to decide who will be allowed to enter the premises, and also reserve the right to refuse entry and eject customers from the venue, within reason. Conditions of entry will be visible at point of entry, highlighting details of random speculative searches & a zero drugs tolerance policy in accordance with the misuse of drugs act 1971.

## **4. Seizing & Finding Controlled Substances (S 5) 4 Misuse of Drugs Act 1971**

If substances are suspected by event staff or event organisers through stop & search or site monitoring, the substances will be confiscated to prevent further use or distribution, the suspected substance will be locked in the drugs safe and reported to the relevant authorities.

## **5. Making Notes & Keeping a Record**

All incidents will be reported to management who will keep a recorded log of each event. All staff will be adequately trained and instructed to report each case accordingly. A logbook will be kept with notes on each case.



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## **6. Designing Out Drugs In a Venue**

The physical layout of the event means there will be some black spots, for example passageways and toilets, these areas will be regularly and closely monitored. We'll have the following measures in place to ensure such opportunists are caught and ejected from the venue and the police notified.

We'll ensure this is achieved through implementing the following measures:

- Toilets regularly monitored and patrolled
- Surrounding areas regularly patrolled
- SIA License holders present & patrolling all areas of the site at regular intervals
- Notices upon entry of our stop and search policy
- Sin bin for drugs upon entry
- Number of entrances will be kept to a minimum and will be manned at all times
- All areas will be lit at all times

## **7. First Aid & Medical Emergencies**

In case of a medical emergency where someone is suspected as taken a controlled substance we'll have full trained paramedics and a number of fully trained first aiders for all attendees safety. This will be contactable via radio and will be clearly sign posted at all times.

## **8. Conclusion**

Reach Festival uphold a strict zero drugs policy and as stated above there will be strict search policies on entry to the venue, anyone who refuse to adhere to such procedures will be refused entry and the police will be notified.



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