

DRUGS ON LICENSED PREMISES

Under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 it is an offence for a licensee to knowingly permit or suffer premises to be used for drug related purposes including supply, offering for supply or consumption of a controlled drug.

Follow venue's policy including the displaying of posters, informing persons that drug activity will not be tolerated on these premises. Seize drugs, refuse entry, inform police, record find and secure drugs.

It is therefore vital that all licensed premises remain vigilant when it comes to illegal drugs.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF ILLEGAL DRUGS ARE FOUND ON YOUR PREMISES

1. Place the suspect drugs in a clear bag and secure it.
2. Secure the drugs in a drug safe, or another secure location.
3. Record the seizure in a daily incident Book (for the purpose of an audit trail).
4. Contact local Police or PSNI Licensing Officer.
5. Arrange a suitable time for Police to call at your premises for collection.

WHAT YOU SHOULD NOT DO IF ILLEGAL DRUGS ARE FOUND ON YOUR PREMISES

- Dispose of the drugs yourself.
- Flush them down a toilet.
- Throw them down a drain.
- Give them to someone else.
- Burn them.
- Throw them in a bin.
- Under any circumstances take the drugs off the premises as this may result in you committing an offence.