

Drug and alcohol policy for Damedia

Goals

This policy shows:

- our commitment to health and safety in this workplace, and reducing the risks to the health and safety of all workers, contractors and visitors
- our commitment to complying with the requirements of the Work Health and Safety Act 2012 and the Work Health and Safety Regulations 2012, especially those for drugs and alcohol
- how we will deal with drugs and alcohol use and/or their effects in the workplace.

This policy applies to everyone at Daymedia.

Definition

Drug and alcohol use can affect a person's ability to work safely. It creates a risk to workers and work health and safety.

Scope

This policy applies to:

- all employees at Daymedia.

Responsibilities

No one must drink alcohol or use drugs at this workplace, except:

- for legitimate medical reasons: You must notify your supervisor if prescribed medication is likely to affect your behaviour and therefore work health and safety. Your supervisor may assign you other duties while you're taking the medication
- at workplace-based social events: This is dealt with in more detail under Social Events in this policy.

The manager/supervisor at this workplace must, if they have reasonable grounds for believing that you are incapable of safely performing your duties or may be a risk to others due to the effects of drugs or alcohol, arrange for you to be removed safely from the workplace.

Each person must ensure that they are not, by the consumption of drugs or alcohol, in such a condition as to endanger their own safety or that of others at this workplace.

This includes not coming to work if, after drinking or using drugs in your social time, your ability to work safely is still impaired. If you come to work, you must report to your supervisor, who may assign you other duties or arrange for you to be removed safely from the workplace.

Managing drugs and alcohol

Daymedia will identify all workplace factors that may influence someone to turn to drugs or alcohol, and use the hazard management process to eliminate drug or alcohol use or control the risks from them.

Daymedia will consult with workers, work health and safety representatives and/or the work health and safety committee on this issue.

Daymedia will be swift in addressing any mental health or wellbeing concerns that may result in the potential abuse of substances in the workplace, and where applicable implement changes to better suit the needs & wellbeing of our staff.

Disciplinary action

If anyone is found to breach this policy, management will give a formal warning, followed by encouragement to seek treatment. Depending on the severity and liabilities associated, further breaches can & will result in suspension or dismissal.

Social events

Responsible social events can be held at this company, such as functions and work dinners. To ensure everyone remains safe:

- everyone is expected to act responsibly.
- non-alcoholic drinks and food will be provided.
- alternative public transport arrangements will be provided.

Information and support

Daymedia will provide regular training and information about the effects of drug and alcohol use on personal and work health and safety, and on the components of this policy.

In the event of such complications we offer internal support in the way of encouragement, casual discussions and counselling.

Support resources

<https://www.lifeline.org.au/get-help/information-and-support/substance-misuse-and-addiction>

<https://adf.org.au/help-support/>


Legislation

<https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/doc/model-work-health-and-safety-act>

<https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/work-health-and-safety-laws>

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