

Drug & Alcohol Policy

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Ventura is committed to providing a safe environment for members, staff, and volunteers. To further ensure their safety, the Organization maintains a drug and alcohol-free workplace. The unlawful or improper use of drugs, including marijuana, which is criminalized as a Schedule I narcotic at the federal level, controlled substances or alcohol in the workplace presents a danger to everyone.

As a federal grantee, The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Ventura has a duty to comply with the requirement of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988.

- Employees are prohibited from reporting to work or working while under the influence of alcohol and/or using illegal or unauthorized drugs.
- Employees are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful or unauthorized manufacturing, distribution, dispensing, sale or possession of illegal drugs and alcohol in the workplace including on organization paid time, on organization premises, in organization vehicles or while engaged in organization activities.
- Employees are prohibited from reporting to work or working when the employee uses any drugs, except when the use is pursuant to a doctor's orders and the doctor has advised the employee that the substance does not adversely affect the employee's ability to safely perform his or her job duties.
- Employees taking a legal drug which potentially affects job safety or performance is responsible for notifying their supervisor and/or Club leadership. If the organization and the employee's physician have determined that the substance does not adversely affect the employee's ability to safely and efficiently perform the employee's job duties or determined that a reasonable accommodation can be made, the employee may commence work. An employee may not be permitted to perform his or her job duties unless such a determination or reasonable accommodation is made.
- Employees must notify their supervisor and/or Club leadership, within five (5) days of any criminal drug statute violation.
- Employment with the organization is conditioned upon full compliance with the foregoing drug and alcohol-free workplace policy. Any violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including discharge.

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater further reserves the right to take any and all appropriate and lawful actions necessary to enforce this drug and alcohol free workplace policy including, but not limited to, the inspection of organization issued lockers, desks or other suspected areas of concealment, or any property brought onto the premises when the organization has reasonable suspicion to believe that the employee has violated this drug and alcohol free workplace policy.

Examples of behavior suggesting that employees or volunteers are under the influence of drugs or alcohol include but are not limited to:

- Odors (smell of alcohol, body odor or urine);
- Movements (unsteady, fidgety, dizzy);

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- Eyes (dilated, constricted or watery eyes or involuntary eye movements);
- Face (flushed, sweating, confused or blank look);
- Speech (slurred, slow, distracted mid-thought, inability to verbalize thoughts);
- Emotions (argumentative, agitated, irritable, drowsy);
- Actions (yawning, twitching); or
- Inactions (sleeping, unconscious, no reaction to questions).

Unusual patterns of behavior that may suggest drug or alcohol misuse include but are not limited to:

- Repeatedly calling in sick;
- Being absent directly before or after holidays and weekends;
- Repeatedly damaging inventory or failing to meet reasonable work schedules; and
- Being involved in frequent accidents that can be related to the use of drugs or other substances.

Please note that this is a living document and may be updated from time to time as needed.