

# Driver Impairment Policy (Draft)

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## Purpose

To minimise the risk of harm arising from any use of a motor vehicle<sup>1</sup> for any purpose related to the event, where that risk of harm is due to driver impairment.

To comply with our duty to ensure, so far as reasonably practicable, the health and safety of our participants and staff<sup>2</sup>.

## Scope

This policy applies to persons driving motor vehicles where:

- The motor vehicle is provided by the event (eg rental vans)
- The driver is a participant or staff member
- The driver works for a contractor within Scouts New Zealand (eg a Scout Group providing catering)
- The driver is a visitor that has potential to become impaired as a consequence of visiting the event

## Specific Aims

1. Ensure that drivers are not impaired by drugs
2. Ensure that drivers are not impaired by alcohol
3. Ensure that drivers are not impaired by exhaustion

## Strategies

1. Drivers shall not consume any drugs either during the event or in the 48 hours preceding the event. Excluded are drugs prescribed to them and over the counter medication.
2. Drivers that are consuming medication of any kind either during the event or in the 48 hours preceding the event, shall:

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<sup>1</sup> Whereas a motor vehicle is defined by the New Zealand Land Transport Act 1998 and its subsequent amendments.

<sup>2</sup> As required by the New Zealand Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.

- a. Take the medication only as directed
  - b. Read the warning labels on the medication and inform the organising committee if it includes any advice regarding operating machinery or the possible side effect include drowsiness, dizziness, blurred vision, or similar.
  - c. Consult their GP if they are unsure about the effects of the medication
- 3. Drivers shall not be under the influence of alcohol while driving. This should be achieved through a combination of the following:
  - a. Drivers being made aware of when they are expected to drive so that they can plan their drinking accordingly.
  - b. Drivers shall submit to a breath screening or breath test if requested by the organising committee. They will not be permitted to drive if it read more than zero.
  - c. Drivers shall ensure that they have sufficient rest before driving and they should be made aware of when they are expected to drive so that they can plan their rest accordingly.
- 4. Each vehicle (especially those provided by the event) should have multiple people able to drive so that a driver is not obliged to drive if they don't feel up to it.
- 5. Drivers should be made aware of, and be familiar with this policy.