



PELORUS COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

Alcohol and Drugs Policy

Education [Early Childhood Services] Regulations 2008 (and it's Amendments): Regulation 46

Licensing Criteria for Early Childhood Education and Care Centres 2008: Criterion HS33

In accordance with the above Regulations:

- people under the influence of drugs are not permitted at anytime in Pelorus Community Preschool buildings or on the property, and,
- when children are in attendance, the consumption of alcohol is not permitted at anytime in Pelorus Community Preschool buildings or on the property, except as outlined later in this policy. Under licensing criteria HS33 we do not allow children to be collected by anyone suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or other substances. In this case emergency contacts will be notified to collect the child/children. In the instance that no one is contactable the child shall remain at the Centre until closing. After a reasonable time CYFS will be contacted on 0508 326 459.

For this policy drugs are defined as chemicals that alter mood and/or behaviour and include nicotine, alcohol and cannabis, but are not limited to these and do not generally include prescription medicines.

Only those drugs prescribed for a medical condition of a child or adult attending the preschool will be allowed into the Pelorus Community Preschool.

If any person contravenes this policy the staff should make that person aware of the Pelorus Community Preschool Alcohol and Drugs Policy and ask that the person leave the premises. If the person leaves the preschool in a vehicle, the police will be contacted.

If there continues to be a problem a complaint should be laid with the Pelorus Community Preschool Management who will begin to investigate the

complaint and try to resolve it.

Where Pelorus Community Preschool is unable to resolve the complaint by agreement the PCP Board shall refer the complaint in writing to the Director General [Chief Executive] of Health.

At adult only functions alcohol may be served at the discretion of the PCP Board but only in accord with (i) and (ii) below.

Only after obtaining the permission of the PCP Board may outside groups provide alcohol on preschool premises – on these occasions when alcohol is served, the following must apply:

- (i) non-alcoholic drinks will be made available
- (ii) food will be provided
- (iii) relevant permits and licenses must be obtained where necessary.

Refer also to the Complaints Procedure Policy and the Serious Misconduct Policy.

Licensing Criteria

No person on the premises uses, or is under the influence of, alcohol or any other substance that has a detrimental effect on their functioning or behaviour during the service's hours of operation. (HS33)

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Policy In Action

If this Policy is being implemented effectively, then you should see the following happening in the Preschool:

- You will not see persons under the influence of alcohol or drugs in the Preschool.
- Anyone deemed to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be asked to leave the premises.