

Appendix Q

Illegal Drug Policy

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Possession or use of illegal drugs at 4-H sponsored activities is prohibited.

Those attending these events need to be made aware of the policy. Local plans of action should be developed which include the cooperation of local law enforcement authorities.

It is important that 4-H work with the local law enforcement authorities to establish a procedure to handle local situations that involve illegal drugs. Local 4-H professionals should meet with their respective law enforcement authorities prior to an event taking place or a 4-H programming year begins to develop a standard plan of action.

If illegal drugs are an issue, use your local plans of action developed with the law enforcement authorities. The following guidelines will assist you in your discussion and handling local situations.

Minors (under the age of 18 years):

1. If possible, in the presence of another adult 4-H representative (Extension staff or an adult 4-H volunteer), separate the minor from others.
2. Confiscate the suspected drug or drug paraphernalia from those who violate the policy. If they refuse, send a representative to call the local law enforcement agency immediately and wait for them to arrive (this should be a part of your discussions with the agency when determining local plans of action).
3. Contact the local law enforcement agency.
4. Keep the suspected drug or drug paraphernalia in a secure location.
5. Participation, as a 4-H member, in current (if applicable) and future events can be limited.

Adults:

1. If possible, in the presence of another adult 4-H representative, separate the individual from others.
2. Confiscate the suspected drug or drug paraphernalia from those who violate the policy. If they refuse, send a representative to call the local law enforcement authorities and wait for them to arrive.
3. Contact the local law enforcement agency.
4. Keep the suspected drug or drug paraphernalia in a secure location.

Consideration should always be given to the safety of all other participants involved in the event or activity.

For those instances when an individual becomes belligerent and/or refuses to comply with requests, 4-H should immediately contact the local law enforcement agency. Again, the situation should be discussed with appropriate agency prior to an event taking place or a 4-H programming year begins.