

P06 - ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE WORKPLACE POLICY

Purpose

Hobart Food Equipment has implemented an alcohol and drug free workplace policy to ensure that Hobart Food Equipment meets its legal requirements in providing a safe and healthy work environment for everyone.

This policy encourages **workers** to be aware of the impact, dangers, and risks of their actions in relation to alcohol, illegal narcotics, mind-altering drugs, and controlled substances.

Workers Responsibility

It is the **worker**'s responsibility to present for work in a fit state and remain in such a condition for the duration of their workday, including when using vehicles.

The **worker**/contractor is responsible for any civil crime or penalty which results from being under the influence of drugs or alcohol. It is the **worker**'s and contractor's responsibility to advise Hobart Food Equipment if they are taking any prescribed drug or medication which may affect their fitness for duty or work performance.

Reasonable Suspicion

Workers who have reasonable suspicion that a fellow **worker** is under the influence of alcohol or drugs must notify management. Reasonable suspicion may be based on, but is not limited to, indications such as:

- Breath smelling of alcohol
- Slurred or incoherent speech
- The worker being unsteady on their feet
- Watery and/or bloodshot eyes
- Aggressive, argumentative, or inappropriately jovial behaviour
- The worker has trouble with simple instructions



Drug and Alcohol Testing

Hobart Food Equipment is aware that some safety procedures may require drug and alcohol testing as a standard procedure, and will endeavour to advise **workers** when this is required. All random drug and alcohol testing (on and off-site) must be complied with.

Testing for alcohol and other drugs may be required for **workers** involved in any serious incident.

Disciplinary Procedures

Any breach of this policy will be deemed a serious misconduct. Should the result of an investigation by Hobart Food Equipment conclude that the **worker** is under the influence of alcohol or prohibited drugs during work hours, the following procedure will be applied:

- The worker shall be suspended from work without pay for an appropriate amount of time, and sent home immediately via a safe mode of transport (either by taxi or other means) that ensure the safety of the worker
- The worker shall be counselled by Hobart Food Equipment before commencing work the following day
- The worker may be escalated immediately to the second (final) written warning of the disciplinary policy, outlining that continued drug/alcohol use will result in the termination of employment
- While the worker refrains from being under the influence of drugs and alcohol during work hours, no further action will be taken

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