

FACT SHEET: Use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs

The Diocese has high expectations of employees, volunteers and religious appointees in relation to the provision of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs to children and the use of those substances in the presence of children.

All employees, volunteers and religious appointees at Parishes and agencies must follow these guidelines when it comes to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Alcohol

- Communion wine is only to be provided to a child by a Priest or other Minister administering Holy Communion with the authorisation of, or in the presence of, the child's parent or guardian within a Parish setting;
- Alcohol is not to be provided or supplied to a child at any other time;
- No person who is supervising children or involved in any activity with children should consume or be under the influence of alcohol.

Tobacco

- Tobacco is not to be provided or supplied to a child under any circumstances.
- No person who is supervising children or involved in any activity with children should smoke tobacco.

Illicit drugs

- Illicit drugs are not to be provided or supplied to a child under any circumstances.
- No person who is supervising children or involved in any activity with children should consume or be under the influence of illicit drugs.

Medication

- Medication should not be given to children without written instructions from a parent or guardian, unless a doctor or paramedic administers it in an emergency.
- You should be aware that some prescription medication may adversely affect a person's capacity to effectively supervise children and keep them safe.