

## **BSA Troop 200 Controlled Substances Policy**

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To: All members of BSA Troop 200

From: Tommy Grubbs / Troop Committee

Re: Use and Possession of Controlled Substances during any Scout activities

The official policy of the Boy Scouts of America in reference to the use of possession of illegal drugs or alcohol by any participant is outlined in the Guide to Safe Scouting and reads as follows:

The Boy Scouts of America prohibits the user of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America, or at any activity involving participation of youth members.

This policy shall be followed in all Troop 200/Crew 200 activities whether or not the activity involves the attendance of youth, any Scout or Adult that is found to be in possession of or under the influence of any item deemed to be in this category shall face immediate disciplinary actions from the Troop. These actions may include, but are limited to the following:

1. Immediate removal of the member from the activity. In the case of a youth, the parent(s) or guardian(s) will be contacted and instructed to come remove the Scout from the activity. In the event of an Adult, the Adult will be instructed to leave the activity and will be responsible for contacting someone to come pick them up if they are the under the influence, which means unable to safely drive themselves. If the parent(s) or guardian(s) or the adult refuse to remove their Scout or themselves, respectively, from the activity, the Individual will be turned over to the local Law Enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the area where the incident occurred. Parents will be notified by the Troop leadership and provided with a phone number and the location of the agency where their son is being held. If an Adult refuses to leave or proper transportation cannot be obtained, then the local law enforcement agency will be asked to remove the leader from the activity.
2. Where the situation warrants, (i.e., a large quantity of controlled substance and/or distribution and/or sale to other Scouts) local law enforcement shall be called and the offending member turned over to them for prosecution.
3. Possible dismissal from the Troop upon referral to and review by the Troop committee.
4. Any event of this nature shall be referred to the Scoutmaster and/or Troop Committee for further action.
5. Any member who is dismissed by the Troop or Troop Committee shall be reported to the Council Scout Executive for the Council's records.

Controlled Substances shall be defined as:

1. Any substance that is deemed illegal by Federal Schedule I - V, State or Local laws
2. Any over the counter medication that is used in a manner other than directed by a physician, medical personnel, or the directions on the label of the product.
3. Any prescription medication that is not prescribed by a physician for that specific person for current use by that person.
4. Any substance that is used in a method other than for what it was intended to be used. Examples such as sniffing glue or paint, huffing, or any other method of getting "high" or artificially altering one's mental state.
5. Any form of synthetic or designer type drug such as "Spice" or spice like compounds.

This policy prohibits any form of "Vaping" or the use of any kind of Electronic Inhalations Devices by either youth or adults. A device prescribed by a physician such as a CPAP machine or nebulizer used for medical treatment is not prohibited by this policy.

Alcohol shall be defined as any malted or distilled product that has any trace of alcohol in the contents. This includes commercially manufactured or home brewed products. The use of "non-alcoholic" beverages such as beer and sparkling grape juice shall not be used on any Scouting activity. The use of wines that are produced for cooking only may be permitted for cooking purposes and only in the amounts needed for the recipe being prepared. Food shall be heated to the point where the alcohol evaporates (steam is produced) before the food is consumed.

If there is any dispute about where an event or product falls under these guidelines, then it shall be the decision of the Scoutmaster and Troop Committee as what actions need to be taken on a case-by-case basis. Their decision will be final.