

AWESOME EVENTS BEACH 2018

Search policy

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Introduction

All responsible licensed premises should create and follow an effective search policy. The policy is designed to ensure the individuals or groups entering or in the venue support the 4 licensing objectives.

- Prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- Prevention of a public nuisance
- Protection of children from harm

Aim of our policy

Our policy is designed to ensure that we have a consistent approach to promoting and upholding the objectives through a well communicated and logical approach to searching persons entering or already inside our venue.

Objectives of our policy

The objectives of our policy are as follows:

- Remain compliant with the law (Human rights Act 1984, Offence against the person Act 1861)
- Provide a clear set of prohibited items which are not allowed to be taken in to the venue by customers or staff
- Promote the 4 licensing objectives
- Provide a framework which supports our staff in the application of their duties
- Give guidance to our staff in the event a prohibited item is discovered and their subsequent actions

Prohibited Items

Any items which could lead to an impact on safety or crime and disorder as well as those which could create a public nuisance or unduly affect children's welfare will be classed as a prohibited item. This list is not limited however below are listed typical items we would refuse in to our venue. Some items may have exclusion sanctions other may not prevent the entry to the venue. However we will empower our staff to make effective decisions regarding any and all items coming in to the venue if not contained on this list.

Typical prohibited items

- Alcohol of any kind
- Glass bottles, jars or containers
- Chinese lanterns or sky lanterns
- Illegal substances
- Unidentifiable substances
- Nitrous oxide & associated equipment (balloons, CO2 dispensers, cream dispensers)
- Legal highs
- Portable laser equipment and laser pens
- Fireworks / pyrotechnics
- Tabards and reflective jackets
- Flares / distress flares
- Any goods for unauthorised trading
- Any items which may reasonably be considered for use as a weapon
- Any items which may cause danger, offence or disruption to any other person
- Air horns & megaphones
- Catapults
- Drones
- Animals other than guide dogs or hearing dogs
- Selfie sticks

Method of application

There are legal requirements to searching members of the public, below are listed the method we will adopt when searching to ensure a consistent approach.

- Only trained SIA staff will search customers
- All customers must be asked for permission prior to search
 - Any customer who refuses a search will be refused entry
- Once permission is given staff will then begin a person or bag search following their training and instructions (a witness will observe the search)
- Males can only search males in person and the same for females, bag can be searched by any gender
- If any prohibited item is found, the duty manager will be informed and a decision as to next steps will be made
- If the item found is illegal then the Police will be informed and the customer asked to remain at the entry point until the police arrive
- If the person is committing an indictable offence the security team have the option to make an arrest
- Any confiscated items will be held by the venue managers in a secure room and handed over to the Police or destroyed (depending on item)
- A record will be made in the incident log book if a discovery is made
- Individuals needing to be searched once in the venue will observe the same procedures as above (if a discovery is made the individual may then be removed from the venue)