

# Alcohol, Drugs and Smoking

## Alcohol

MGS may provide outsourced licensed premises onsite to serve a variety of alcoholic beverages. All licensed premises serving alcohol at all MGS games and events must provide proof of a valid license prior to events and adhere to the Licensing Act 2003.

The law on the consumption of Alcohol in the UK must be adhered to, including the laws regarding under 18s.

If you are under 18, it is against the law:

- for someone to sell you alcohol.
- to buy or try to buy alcohol.
- for an adult to buy or try to buy alcohol for you.
- to drink alcohol in licensed premises (such as a pub or restaurant).

Instances of illegal alcohol use will result in sanctions being put in place, subject to the outcome of any investigation into the incident, which may take effect for all games and events run by MGS.

It is unacceptable for a participant to become so drunk or intoxicated that they are incapable of continuing to roleplay in a safe, responsible, and respectful fashion. Anyone found to be in such a state will be asked to remove themselves from the in-character area.

If a participant has consumed alcohol or any other intoxicant, it is their responsibility to ensure that they do not get into a situation in which they are likely to cause harm to themselves or another person, such as by engaging in combat when they are incapable of fighting safely. If in doubt, err on the side of caution - as a rule of thumb, if you wouldn't drive, you shouldn't fight or engage in any other physical activity in which you would be more likely to cause injury to yourself or others.

## Drugs

It is unacceptable to use any illegal intoxicating substances at our events. This has serious legal repercussions, as outlined in the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, for both the site and the MGS team, and can put individuals in difficult situations regarding their professional obligations to report illegal activity. We reserve the right to ask any participant who is using illegal substances to immediately leave the venue, and to ban any individual breaking this rule from future events.

The use of substances which are technically legal, such as poppers (amyl nitrate) or cannabidiol (CBD), is likewise considered unacceptable if it causes inconvenience or upset to others.

## Controlled Substances

It is the responsibility of the person named on the prescription to keep and secure any such substances on site. The use of any prescribed medication is restricted to the person named on the prescription label.

If you have a prescription for a controlled substance (including cannabis) it is advised to inform us before attending events with documented evidence. If you do not, please be prepared to have the appropriate evidence of prescription on you, should questions arise.

## Smoking

We require smokers and the users of e-cigarettes and vapes to obey all site-specific regulations around designated smoking areas, and to also be mindful of not smoking where it will inconvenience or otherwise adversely affect others. This includes:

- not smoking in areas that people have no choice other than to pass through - such as near entrances or on major thoroughfares.
- asking permission from those around them before smoking; and moving away or extinguishing cigarettes on request.

It is unacceptable to smoke indoors at any of our events, or in any tent which we provide; the use of vapes indoors is only allowed when specifically permitted by site-specific regulations. If in doubt, participants should assume that they are not permitted to smoke or vape indoors.