

Cloud 9-2021-Drugs Policy

This document describes the C9 policy on illegal drugs, psychoactive substances and miscellaneous mind-altering substances and the measures taken to control them.

C9 has a no-drugs ethos and a no drugs policy. This means that the event organisers will take action against anyone in possession of illegal drugs. Neither do they endorse the use of psychoactive substances or other mind-altering substances such as NO2. These have no place at a responsible event.

Security, contractors and all other event staff will be briefed on the PitP-DW drug policy as part of the safety induction.

C9 has these simple rules:

1. C9 Management reserves the right to search ticket holders for drugs and any other illegal or dangerous items on entry to the festival.
2. Anyone found in possession of drugs will be ejected from the site (*if safe to do so*) and the police informed.
3. Serious drug abusers (*e.g. behaving in a threatening way, apparently under the influence, even if not in possession*) and dealers will be detained and handed over to the police.
4. Anyone discovered selling drugs will be detained by security and held in a secure place until they can be handed over to the police.
5. Anyone suspected of being under the influence of illegal drugs will be dealt with by security appropriately. Depending on the circumstances this may involve refusal to admit to the site; removal from a venue or area; searching and confiscation of substances or paraphernalia; ejection from the site; detention awaiting arrival of police.

C9 has an absolute ban on the use of NO2 capsules. While the intoxicating effects are not especially long lasting or disruptive to the event, the capsules are invariably left on the ground and are a hazard to event staff and park users after the event. Any stocks of NO2 found will be confiscated and destroyed.

It should be noted that across the past year of C9 there have been no significant issue, incidents, or challenges with illegal drugs / substances at the event. The controls in place are therefore deemed suitable and sufficient and will be monitored ongoing as part of best practice.