

# Chabad Youth NSW – Zero-Tolerance Policy: Drugs, Alcohol & Vaping

At Chabad Youth NSW, the health, safety, and spiritual wellbeing of every child is our highest priority. We are committed to maintaining a safe, values-based environment that reflects Torah principles and promotes responsible behaviour.

As such, Chabad Youth NSW maintains a strict zero-tolerance policy regarding the possession, use, or distribution of drugs, alcohol, vaping products, or any other harmful or illicit substances at any of our programs, including:

- Overnight and day camps
- After-school activities and clubs
- Weekend programs and excursions
- Youth leadership and mentoring programs

#### What is Prohibited?

The following are strictly prohibited:

- Use or possession of illicit drugs, alcohol, vapes, or tobacco/nicotine products.
- Being **under the influence** of any prohibited substance while participating in any Chabad Youth NSW program.
- Distribution or sharing of such substances with other participants.

This policy applies at all times, including during transport, excursions, overnight stays, and any location used for Chabad Youth NSW programming.

### **Enforcement & Consequences**

- **Immediate expulsion:** Any camper or participant found in possession of or under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or vaping products will be **immediately expelled** from the program.
- Parental responsibility: Parents or guardians will be contacted without delay and will be required to collect their child from the program location immediately at their own expense.
- No refund will be issued for participants dismissed due to breach of this policy.
- Future participation may be restricted depending on the nature of the breach.



## Room & Bag Checks

To protect the wellbeing and safety of all participants at overnight camps, Chabad Youth NSW staff reserve the right to conduct room, bag, or locker checks at any time without prior notice.

By enrolling your child in any Chabad Youth NSW program, you provide **consent for these checks** to be conducted discreetly and respectfully by authorised staff if deemed necessary.

## Why This Policy Exists

This policy is in place to:

- Protect the physical and emotional safety of all participants.
- Uphold the **Jewish values and community standards** that form the foundation of our programs.
- Maintain the trust of parents, schools, and community stakeholders.
- Ensure Chabad Youth NSW remains a safe, nurturing space where children and teens can grow, learn, and thrive.

#### **Our Commitment**

We are committed to supporting our youth in making positive, healthy, and responsible choices. Education on personal wellbeing, respectful relationships, and responsible decision-making is incorporated into our programs where appropriate.

Together with families, we aim to guide every young person with care and direction toward a life of meaning, growth, and responsibility.