

GemFestival Ltd. Alcohol & Drugs Policies

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ALCOHOL POLICY

The safety and welfare of everyone onsite is our number one priority. When it comes to drinking alcohol, we want you to do it responsibly.

You must be over 18 years old to attend GemFest and there will be ID checks at the gate.

We operate a Challenge 25 at the gate and at all bars.

Do not overstep your limit. It is illegal for bar staff to serve alcohol to someone who is drunk. If staff suspect you to be drunk, you will be refused alcohol and may be ejected.

You are allowed to bring your own alcoholic drinks to GemFest in the following quantities:

A. 12 x 440ml cans of lager/cider/beer OR
B. 16 x 250ml cans of premixed spirit drinks OR
C. 3-litre box of wine OR
D. 5 litres of cider/lager/beer in plastic bottles

Plastic or glass bottles are not allowed. Spirits are not allowed.

You may bring this with you on first time entry to the festival only.

There is NO RE-ENTRY with alcohol. Alcohol in excess of the amounts allowed will be confiscated. No opened bottles can be brought on to site – you can bring sealed plastic bottles of water or soft drinks. Any opened bottles will be confiscated on entry to the festival.



DRUGS POLICY

GemFest has a **zero tolerance** towards the use of illegal drugs, and the misuse of prescribed drugs.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- A. Possession of a controlled drug.
- B. Possession with intent to supply another person.
- C. Production, cultivation or manufacture of controlled drugs.D. Supplying another person with a controlled drug.
- E. Offering to supply another person with a controlled drug.
 - F. Import or export of controlled drugs.
- G. Allowing premises to be used for the consumption of certain controlled drugs
- H. Possession of any 'legal high', 'research chemicals', 'novel psychoactive substances',

'NPS', 'designer drugs' or 'herbal highs'.

We have searches on arrival to the festival for all attendees, staff, volunteers and contractors.

We provide drug amnesty boxes at the entrance of the festival, should you wish to safely and legally dispose of any prohibited items before you enter the festival.

Entry will be refused to any persons in breach of this policy. Any finds upon search, or within the site, will be centrally logged and recorded, and you will be denied entry.

Should an individual be suspected of being in possession of illegal substances or dealing in illegal substances whilst on site, security staff have a right to challenge and search an individual, failing to comply will result in removal from the premises. Any substance found on you, will be logged and recorded, and the you will be removed from the premises.

If needed at any point, you and the substance to be handed directly to West Mercia Police, and the incident will be then managed by the responding Police personnel.

If you have any drug related issues on site, please head to Medical, or speak to a member of the security team.