



This fact sheet outlines the Archdiocese's expectations of Parish Priests and Parish workers in relation to the use and provision of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

FACT SHEET: USE OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND DRUGS

The Archdiocese has clear, mandated expectations of Parish Priests and Parish workers in relation to the provision of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs to children, and the use of those substances around children.

All employees, volunteers and religious appointees at parishes and agencies must follow these guidelines when it comes to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Alcohol

- The Precious Blood (Sacramental wine) is only to be provided to a child by a member of the clergy or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion administering Holy Communion with the authorisation of, or in the presence of, the child's parent or guardian within a Parish environment during Mass.
- Alcohol is not to be provided or supplied to a child at any other time.
- No person who is supervising children or involved in any activity with children should consume or be under the influence of alcohol.

Tobacco

- Tobacco is not to be provided or supplied to a child under any circumstances.
- No person who is supervising children or involved in any activity with children should smoke tobacco.

Illicit drugs

- Illicit drugs are not to be provided or supplied to a child under any circumstances.
- No person who is supervising children or involved in any activity with children should consume or be under the influence of illicit drugs.

Medication

- Medication should not be given to children without written instructions from a parent or guardian, unless it is administered by a doctor or paramedic in an emergency situation.
- You should be aware that some prescription medication may adversely affect your capacity to effectively supervise children and keep them safe.