



Contraband & Controlled Substances Policy

1.0 Contraband

The possession of contraband by staff, volunteers, members, or any individual at a Heat Wave event is prohibited.

As used here, "contraband" includes any item or material that poses a risk of harm to any individual - whether or not associated with Heat Wave. Contraband includes, but is not limited to:

- Weapons
- Flammable or explosive substances
- Firearms or ammunition
- Fireworks
- Controlled substances
- Toxic substances.

Contraband will be immediately seized, and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken at the direction of the Executive Director, including expulsion from Heat Wave and referral to law enforcement authorities.

2.0 Controlled Substances

Heat Wave prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages by on-duty personnel and volunteers. All on-duty personnel and volunteers will be clearly identified.

Heat Wave prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages by members, regardless of age, at all times. This includes rehearsal events, while at rehearsal or show sites, and during free days from the beginning of the summer program until the corps is dismissed at the conclusion of the summer.

The use of nicotine containing products such as cigarettes, chewing tobacco, e-cigarettes and vaping products is strongly discouraged. Smoking or vaping by anyone under the age of 21 is prohibited. Smoking in any form, including e-cigarettes is not allowed on any school campus, housing, rehearsal, or competition site. It is also not allowed on any Heat Wave vehicle (owned or leased). Smoking cessation materials such as nicotine patches, gum, or lozenges may be permitted at the discretion of the Executive Director.

Any person found using, selling, sharing, holding, or under the influence of illegal or controlled substances or engaging in the inappropriate use of prescription medications while with the unit and/or at any school campus, housing, rehearsal, or competition site will face swift and serious disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from Heat Wave and/or interaction with law enforcement as applicable. This includes while traveling, performing, rehearsing, or being housed in states where local laws may permit federally controlled substances, e.g. marijuana.