



DRINK SPIKING TOGETHER WE CAN PREVENTION GUIDE STOP SPIKING

WHAT IS DRINK SPIKING?

- Adding any alcohol to any drink without the customer knowing.
- Drugs can be added to alcohol to act as a powerful sedative.
- Spiking can take effect within 10-30 minutes.

HOW TO PREVENT SPIKING AT YOUR VENUE

- Be alert to suspicious or unusual behaviour
- Remove unattended glasses
- Be aware of unusual requests
- Don't promote rapid consumption
- Keep talking to your security team to establish any threats throughout the night
- Regularly check the venue, including toilets

KNOW VENUE PROCEDURE

ASK what your venue's incident management process is to ensure you make any victim feel confident that they are in good hands. **TAKE EVERY REPORT SERIOUSLY!** Avoid judgement - act against the perpetrator, **NOT** the victim

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DRUGS CAN LEAVE THE BODY IN AS LITTLE AS 12 HOURS

IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS TESTED QUICKLY

SYMPTOMS OF SPIKING

CONFUSION

DISORIENTATION

NAUSEA

VOMITING

HALLUCINATIONS

PARANOIA

POOR COORDINATION

POOR VISION

UNCONSCIOUSNESS

INABILITY TO COMMUNICATE CLEARLY



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LISTENING AND BELIEVING IS THE VITAL FIRST STEP IN SUPPORTING SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN AFFECTED.

IF SOMEONE SUSPECTS A DRINK HAS BEEN SPIKED:

OBSERVE

Pay attention and focus on the information the person is giving you.

AVOID JUDGEMENT

Always believe the person who has approached you. Avoid phrases that suggest you don't believe them.

ENSURE SAFETY

Help the individual to a place where they feel safe and away from crowds. Ask a friend or trusted individual to accompany the victim. Call an ambulance and notify security if needed.

GATHER INFORMATION

The perpetrator may still be in your venue, so please gather as much information as possible about the incident for the police ahead of their arrival.

THE PERPETRATOR MAY STILL BE IN YOUR VENUE. ALERT A MEMBER OF SECURITY AND GATHER AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED THAT AN ASSAULT HAS TAKEN PLACE, YOU CAN REQUEST A SPECIALLY TRAINED POLICE OFFICER.



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IT'S VITAL THAT YOU ACT QUICKLY TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THOSE AFFECTED, AND TO PROVIDE THE GREATEST POSSIBLE CHANCE OF APPREHENDING AND PROSECUTING THE PERPETRATOR.

REPORT, TEST, SECURE

REPORT the incident to your venue Security Team and the Police via 101 immediately. Suspected perpetrators must be identified ASAP as they may be subject to search and arrest.

Follow your venue procedure for:

- Drink Spiking TEST Kits
- SECURE all affected drinks, containers, contaminated clothing, and remaining residues
- Incident Management Protocol
- CCTV Recordings

Check the procedure with your local Police Force and include it in your own incident management policy.

WORK WITH THE CUSTOMER

Reassure the customer: reporting the incident won't get them into trouble if recreational drug use has taken place.

Safeguard the Customer: Are they aware & responsive? Who are they with? Can they be trusted?

If in doubt, intervene and report any concerns to the Police. Take down their name and details, and exchange contact details, if you can.

If there is no Police involvement, report the incident to the Venue, Local Council or BID, who will record the incident with anonymised information.



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