

DRUGS AND THE LAW

ILLEGAL DRUGS

Examples include:

- Legal prescriptions that aren't your prescriptions
- Cannabis
- Methamphetamine
- Ecstasy (MDMA)
- Cocaine
- GBH
- Heroin



POLICE SEARCH POWERS

- The police can search you without a warrant if they think you have drugs on you or in your belongings, such as your bag.
- If you are unsure if they are allowed to search you, say you do not consent to the search.
- But you should do what the police tell you to do. If you assault or obstruct police that is against the law.
- Tell a lawyer about the search and that you did not consent.

CRIMINAL OFFENCES

- Possession of drugs or drug utensils, such as pipes, scales, grinders. Possession is not ownership. It is knowledge and control. If you are holding someone else's drugs for them and they are not yours, that is still against the law.
- Making or producing drugs.
- Selling or supplying drugs. Supplying drugs includes giving them away to someone or helping someone source drugs from someone else.
- Trafficking drugs.

GET MORE INFO

Contact YFS Legal
Phone: 3826 1500
Email: legal@yfs.org.au
www.yfs.org.au/yfs-legal



• This is general information only.
• It is not intended to give individual legal advice.
• Each person should seek independent legal advice relating to their special circumstances.
• We do not accept responsibility for any loss or damage caused to anyone who relies on the information in this info sheet.

This Centre is accredited by  NACLC
National Association of Community Legal Centres

BUILDING INDEPENDENCE & PARTICIPATION

