



Purpose: This FAQ provides answers to questions about the use of alcohol, illegal drugs, and tobacco in the 4-H Youth Development Program (4-H YDP) and assists in policy implementation and interpretation.

1. What is a 4-H Youth Development Program event?

A 4-H event is any activity or meeting organized by clubs, units, 4-H adult volunteers, 4-H members, or the 4-H YDP staff.

2. What is defined as smoking?

Smoking means inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying of any lighted or heated product, as well as smoking substances that are not tobacco, and smoking instruments.

3. What is defined as tobacco use?

Tobacco use includes inhaling, smoking, chewing, dipping or any other assimilation of tobacco products.

4. What is a tobacco product?

A tobacco product means all forms of tobacco, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, hookahs, electronic cigarettes and all forms of smokeless tobacco.

5. Can alcohol be served at 4-H YDP events?

No, the use of alcohol, illegal drugs and tobacco is prohibited at all 4-H YDP events.

6. Can 4-H members attend events that are not 4-H events where alcohol is served and work with the organization as 4-H members?

At events where alcohol is served, there should be two 4-H adult volunteers assigned as chaperones of 4-H members, with a minimum of two adult volunteers for every eight 4-H members (1:4 ratio). Additionally, 4-H members should not handle or come into contact with alcohol. Specifically, 4-H members should not serve alcohol at these events.

7. Can alcohol be given as a prize in a silent auction or for door prizes at events where 4-H members are present?

Yes, however, 4-H members cannot accept an alcoholic item either as a door prize or silent auction item.





8. How can counties inform the public of these 4-H policies?

Please use the phrase, “In support of positive youth development, this event is alcohol, drug, and smoke and tobacco free” on posters, letters and other announcements for your 4-H events. The University of California has a [Smoke & Tobacco-Free logo](#) that can be used.

9. Where can I find the actual UC policy?

UC Policy (<http://uctobaccofree.com/>)

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