



The main extracts from the *Drug Policy and Action Plan with suspicion of drug or alcohol abuse* in Åkrahäll School.

1. The Main Goal

The main goal is to ensure a safe and drug-free school that actively works to prevent illness caused by the addiction among students, which means that neither drugs, narcotics, doping substances, prescription drugs (other than prescribed by a physician), alcohol or sniffing of any kind of substances can be used, or, have any relation to the school environment.

Smoking is also prohibited in the whole school district.

2. Action Plan with suspicion of drug or alcohol abuse

According to the Social Services Act, all personnel working in school with children and young people is obliged to report to the Social Welfare Committee immediately if they are aware, or if they suspect any kind of alcohol/drug abuse that may affect the student / child. The duty to report to the Social Welfare Committee ends when the students reach the age of majority (18 years) although the school reserves the right to report concerns about a student whose behaviour may endanger his/her health. In accordance with the General Clause Secrecy Act 14:3: *if it is apparent that the interest in disclosure of the information takes precedence over the interest of confidentiality to protect.*

As a rule, all staff at school is obliged to react quickly on suspicious situations, for example: if a student gives the appearance of being under the influence of some sort of a drug/alcohol combined with high absence from school and lethargic behaviour; or in case of rumours being spread about student's possible drug use, drug dealing or drug possession.

If a student is found in possession of drugs, or selling/distributing them, the police is notified immediately and the student is suspended from school. The suspension from school lasts for a certain/indefinite time. Meanwhile, the action plan in consultation between the student and the school is made. If a student is under 18 years of age, i.e. juvenile, the legal guardians are summoned of school as well.

Student lockers are not the students` private property. The school may in certain circumstances make the decision to open certain locker/s, for example, in case of suspicion of drug/s possession.

We find support for the above mentioned actions at the Swedish Legislation on Alcohol

In accordance with Alcohol Act legislation, the following is considered to be the violation of law and regarded as criminal act:

- It is prohibited / It is against the law to sell folköl / light beer (beer with an alcohol content of 2.25 percent to 3.5 percent) to young people under 18;
- It is prohibited / It is against the law to serve alcohol in restaurants to young people under the age of 18;
- It is prohibited / It is against the law to offer or buy folköl / light beer to young people under the age of 18;
- It is prohibited / It is against the law to offer or buy wine, spirits /alcoholic beverages and strong beer to young people under 20 year;

Furthermore, in accordance with the Swedish Drug Laws and prohibition of certain doping agents, the following is considered to be the violation of law and regarded as criminal act.

Some of the most common drug preparations are spice, cannabis, amphetamines, kat, cocaine, heroin, ecstasy and marijuana. It is forbidden to:

- Possess, use, or otherwise deal with drugs
- Distribute drugs or possess drugs in order to distribute them
- Produce/manufacture drugs
- Offer drugs for sale or mediate contact between seller and buyer of drugs.
- Import the drugs in the country

The school actively works on prevention from addiction. If it happens that a student is caught in addiction, we want to provide the student help and care needed. We also want the student to complete the studies with the help and support provided.