



Peer Education in the Rave Scene



Aim of RaveSafe

To increase the capacity of individuals and organizations in the rave, outdoor festival and dance party scene to reduce the harms associated with 'party drug' use.





RaveSafe Key Strategies for addressing 'Party Drug' use.

- Peer Education
- Working with event organisers, promoters, club staff to provide the safest environment possible.
- Developing appropriate resources.
- Developing and maintaining partnerships between appropriate agencies.
- Influencing of policy and practice.
- Educating other groups (school students, AOD Workers, GPs.)





Key Strategies:

Peer Education

Peer Education at raves/ dance parties

RaveSafe Peer Educators provide:



➤ Fruit	➤ Crisis management
➤ Earplugs	➤ Crisis intervention
➤ Condoms and lube	➤ Mediation (between punters, security, first aid)
➤ Handouts	➤ Peer support
➤ Referrals	➤ Drug information
➤ Needle and Syringe exchange	

[A safe space where punters can sit, relax and chill.](#)







Key Strategies:

Working with event organisers, promoters and staff to provide safest environment possible

RaveSafe Event Audit.

- Identifies issues for consideration that may have an impact on the safety of the event's environment.
- Recognitions and Recommendations are then reported back to the promoter/event organiser.

Promoters Guide
'RaveSafe Recommendations for Providing a Safe Dance Environment' provides event organisers with strategies they can implement to encourage a safer dance environment.






Key Strategies:
Developing appropriate resources

RaveSafe pack for partygoers

- Pocket-sized pack
- Harm reduction information
- Tips on safer raving
- Websites for more information
- Condom, lube, lolly pop
- Chlamydia card
- Summary of the new voluntary water guidelines.

Over 7500 distributed at dance parties in the past year.





Key Strategies:
Developing appropriate resources

Electronic Resources

RaveSafe e-newsletter

- Drug Information.
- Calendar of events that RaveSafe will be attending.
- Ecstasy pill warnings.
- Party drug Q & As.
- Spotlight on a promoter implementing harm reduction.
- RaveSafe web forum.

RaveSafe Web Forum
RaveSafe has a dedicated party drugs forum on the 'Smile Police' promoters website www.smilepolice.com, where partygoers can ask RaveSafe a drug-related question.






Key Strategies

Developing and maintaining partnerships between appropriate agencies

RaveSafe Reference Group

➤ St John's Ambulance, Australian Drug Foundation, Turning Point Drug and Alcohol Centre, Pt'chang Non-violent Community Safety Group, Department of Human Services, Enlighten (pill testing agency), Victorian Police, Department of Education and Training, Ambulance Victoria, VIVAIDS, RaveSafe Peer Educators, promoters, security and event organisers.



Key Strategies

Influencing of policy and Practice

- Water legislation
- Event audits
- Pill testing
- Use of Sniffer dogs
- Drug Driving





Key Strategies

Educating other groups

School Students

➤ RaveSafe's free workshops for senior school students on 'Party Drugs and Safer Partying,' covers classes of drugs, various party drugs, hazards of mixing drugs and safer partying tips.

Other Groups

Alcohol and Other Drug Workers.
 Youth Workers.
 General Practitioners.
 Nurses.





Peer Education – Feedback from partygoers

➤ *“Good to see some real info, not government bullshit”*

➤ *“I like the approach taken by the info booklet. It’s written in a way that young people can associate with and respond to”*

➤ *“Excellent job, a generation looking after themselves and each other, that’s beautiful”*

➤ *“Thanks for looking after a mate, you guys did an awesome job”*

➤ *“Keep up the great work, it makes me feel safe knowing there are qualified people who know what it’s like to party being there”*






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