

## Drug Awareness Course (level 1)

### **Duration :**

This is generally delivered as a full days course however it can be tailored for delivery as a half day (approx 3 hours) if this suits your particular needs. The course is allocated on demand with dates and venues (in-house or external) arranged to minimise disruption to you and your organisation.

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### **Aim of Course :**

On completion of the course, all delegates will have a greater understanding of the 'impact' Drugs Misuse has on society and the implications of Drugs Misuse within their own organisations. They will also be able to recognise and have an understanding of the following –

- Controlled Drugs (as per the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971)
  - Packaging and associated paraphernalia
  - Physical signs and symptoms of drugs misuse
  - User/Dealer patterns
  - Understand best practice when drugs/drug paraphernalia is found.
  - Agencies that can help with Drugs Misuse problems
  - Key elements of the law relating to Possession/Supply and allowing premises to be used
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### **Suitability :**

This course is designed to introduce delegates to a range of Drug Misuse issues such as, how to recognise controlled drugs and associated paraphernalia, physical signs and symptoms of drugs misuse, user/dealer patterns, and safe handling of drugs and paraphernalia. This is an ideal course for individuals or organisations wishing to develop their knowledge and skills on how to both recognise and deal with Drug Misuse problems, and is particularly relevant to those with supervisory, managerial, educational, pastoral care responsibilities and those who work in a high risk Health and Safety environment..

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**Pre-course Preparation :** No prior knowledge or preparation is required

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### **Course syllabus :**

- Recognition of controlled drugs.
  - Recognition of associated drug paraphernalia
  - Safe handling of drugs and paraphernalia.
  - User/Dealer habits.
  - The law with regards to the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (key points)
  - Best practice when drugs/drug paraphernalia found (storage/continuity of exhibits/disposal)
  - Long/Short term effects of drugs misuse
  - Impact within your organisation of Substance Misuse
  - Current trends and new drugs
  - Other agencies that can help with drug misuse issues
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**Qualification and Certification :** All those attending the Course are awarded the Level One Certificate on completion. This particular course is mapped to Danos standards AA1,AA2, AC1,AD1,AD2,AD4