



Safety at live music events



Live gigs and music festivals can be one of the best experiences. However, when things go wrong, it can be devastating. Some terrible incidents have happened at Australian live music events over the past few years including sexual assaults, a stampede, and many deaths from drugs. People are growing tired of bad behaviour at live gigs and there is a big push to stamp these acts out.

Music events should be safe and fun for everyone. This is the responsibility of event organisers, venue managers, artists and fans. ALL of us play a role.

Things to remember

- ▶ **Everyone** has a right to a good time without being insulted or assaulted.
- ▶ **NO touching** without permission - this applies to all genders.
- ▶ If you see someone who is unwell, or in trouble, **get help immediately**.
- ▶ Call out bad behaviour and **report it**. If you don't get a supportive response, report it to someone else.
- ▶ If there's a queue, **be patient**, your turn will come.
- ▶ Buying someone a drink **doesn't** give you the right to touch the person.
- ▶ **Never accept drugs** from others, they could be laced with anything, including poison.
- ▶ **Beware of drink spiking** - don't accept drinks from others and keep your drink with you at all times.
- ▶ **Pace yourself**. Bingeing often results in dangerous, disrespectful, or embarrassing behaviour.
- ▶ **Avoid mixing substances**, it is extremely dangerous and causes the most medical emergencies.

- ▶ **Verbal and physical assault are criminal offences.**
- ▶ Security and staff are there to make the event a good experience, **be polite**.
- ▶ **Protect your privacy** – think about who is filming or photographing you and where those images may end up. If you don't want to be photographed, say so.
- ▶ **Show respect** and don't ruin the experience for others.

NOT okay =

- ▶ Language that is obscene, insulting, threatening and abusive.
- ▶ All harassment, sexual comments, verbal harassment, non consensual touching, and intimidation.

This applies to everyone.



Important

Harassment, unsolicited sexual comments, verbal harassment, non-consensual touching, and intimidation of girls, women or anyone at music events is **NOT OKAY**.



Where to report bad behaviour

- ▶ To security or Police
- ▶ To venue management at the time and in writing afterwards
- ▶ To event organisers in writing afterwards.



If someone collapses

- ▶ Get help immediately
- ▶ Call an ambulance on 000
- ▶ Put the person on their side
- ▶ Protect the person from further harm
- ▶ Stay with them until medical help arrives.



Tips

- ▶ Have a fully charged phone to start and put your friends on speed dial.
- ▶ Eat food and drink water before you head out.
- ▶ Make a pact NOT to leave anyone behind at the event. It's a good idea to have at least one group member sober.
- ▶ Arrange a time and place to meet with friends if you get separated, if your phone goes flat, or if coverage is overloaded.
- ▶ Notice where security and first aid are located when you arrive.
- ▶ Protect each other, don't let your friends go off with a stranger, and don't go alone to secluded areas.
- ▶ If drinking alcohol, remember to drink lots of water. Alternating one alcoholic drink with one water is a good plan.
- ▶ If outdoors, wear a hat & sunscreen and use the chill-out zones and shady spots for breaks.
- ▶ If you experience unwanted groping, say a loud, firm 'STOP', then report it.
- ▶ If you hook-up and decide to have sex, make sure it is legal, everyone consents, and a condom is used.
- ▶ Trust your instincts. If something doesn't seem right, it probably isn't.
- ▶ Make sure you and your friends get home safely.



Show respect to performers, staff, volunteers & other crowd members. Make it a great experience for EVERYONE.

If you need help...It's a good idea to save these numbers in your phone in advance.

Services in WA

Sexual Assault Resource Centre (SARC)

Free 24-hour emergency service for recent sexual assault (within 14 days). Counselling with no time limit for sexual assault/abuse, 13 years and older. (08) 6458 1828 or Freecall 1800 199 888



1800RESPECT

24-hour counselling for people experiencing sexual assault or domestic violence.

Freecall
1800 737 732



Kids' Helpline

Confidential 24-hour counselling for young people up to 25 years.

Freecall
1800 55 1800



Lifeline

24-hour telephone crisis counselling.

13 11 14



WA Police Sex Assault Squad

To report a sexual assault.
(08) 9428 1600

After hours
131 444



Sexual Health Quarters (SHQ)

Counselling and sexual health services.

(08) 9227 6177



Police assistance and reporting (not emergencies)

Call 131 444

Emergency Call 000 Police, Fire, Ambulance