Drug and Alcohol Policy

LASC Discovery 2027 Participant terms version 1.0

Friday October 8 through Monday October 11, 2027 • Ages 18+
Planning venue: Holiday Inn Poughkeepsie
2170 South Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

LASC Discovery is an alcohol-free and recreational-drug-free event. Arrive without impairment and remain able to make informed decisions, communicate consent and follow safety instructions. Legitimate medication use is addressed below.

Pages 1–3 are the participant policy. Pages 4–5 are staff response and implementation instructions. Property acceptance and the boundaries of exclusive event use require written hotel confirmation.

1 Who and where this covers

These rules apply to attendees, presenters, assistants, companions, vendors, volunteers, organizers, leads and contracted providers supporting LASC operations. They cover registration, classrooms, the dungeon, care space, vendor areas, social and entertainment functions, staff work areas and official event activities, including load-in and teardown.

The Friday band welcome, Saturday masquerade and Sunday DJ dance follow the same rules as education and play. Use outside LASC areas does not excuse returning impaired. Hotel guest rooms, public outlets and unrelated guests remain subject to the hotel's authority and written agreement; LASC will publish any agreed property-wide restrictions.

Guest rooms may not be used to host alcohol or recreational-drug gatherings as part of Discovery or to evade the rules of an official activity. Access to a licensed hotel outlet does not authorize bringing alcohol into LASC spaces or returning impaired.

2 Alcohol recreational drugs and prohibited conduct

Do not bring, store, consume, share, sell, distribute, offer or promote beverage alcohol or recreational intoxicants in LASC program or work areas. This includes recreational cannabis/THC products, edibles, vapes and concentrates; nonmedical use of nitrous oxide or inhalants; illegal drugs; and misuse or sharing of prescriptions. A product's legal availability does not override event rules.

Vendors, sponsors, hosts and presenters may not supply alcohol or recreational-drug samples, prizes, promotions or consumption activities. LASC refreshment service will offer alcohol-free drinks. Secretly adding any substance to another person's food or drink, pressuring someone to use a substance or interfering with medication is prohibited and treated as a serious safety and consent concern.

No smoking or vaping is permitted in indoor LASC event spaces. Tobacco and nicotine use elsewhere must follow hotel rules and designated locations. Alcohol-based sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, legitimate medicines and specifically approved instructional materials may be used only for their intended purpose under applicable safety and venue approvals.

Medication Consent and Access

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3 Medication and individual access needs

Lawful prescription and over-the-counter medication used as directed for a legitimate health need is permitted. This includes prescribed pain medication and treatment or recovery medication. LASC will not require someone to skip treatment or exclude them solely because they take a medication or have a history of substance use disorder.

Keep medication secure for personal use and accessible when needed. Arrange practical needs, such as private administration or approved refrigeration, through the designated safety/access lead. Medical cannabis requests receive private, individualized review under applicable law and hotel rules; smoking or vaping in prohibited areas remains barred. Actual impairment still prevents play and safety duties.

Discuss practical accommodations and current safety concerns privately. Do not post diagnoses, treatment history or medication lists in general registration records. Staff do not give dosing advice, require routine medical disclosure or confiscate prescribed medication. Emergency use of rescue medication remains permitted under the response instructions.

4 Consent and participation

LASC follows R.A.C.K. — Risk Aware Consensual Kink. Participation requires alertness and the ability to understand what is proposed, choose freely, communicate boundaries and respond to safety instructions. No one may negotiate, begin or continue play or hands-on practice while impaired. This applies to demonstrators, participants, spotters, presenters and monitors.

Medication effects, illness, severe fatigue or another condition can also make an activity unsafe. A prior negotiation, relationship role, waiver or another person’s approval does not replace the participant’s present capacity. Consent may be withdrawn at any time. A driving-limit claim, number of drinks or claimed waiting period does not establish event clearance.

5 Reporting and temporary safety restrictions

Tell a Dungeon Monitor, safety lead, registration lead or security officer if you have a concern. Anyone may stop an unsafe interaction and seek help. Staff may pause an activity, relieve a worker or temporarily restrict access while a concern is assessed. Medical emergencies take priority over conduct review.

Decisions must use current observations and actual risks. Disability, an unfamiliar communication style, unsteady movement, speech differences, a prescribed medication or a recovery history alone is not proof of intoxication. Staff will ask respectfully whether help or an accommodation is needed and consider suitable adjustments. Do not demand a diagnosis as a condition of requesting help.

A person who remains impaired may not enter the dungeon or resume hands-on activities or safety duties. The relevant lead records any reassessment before re-entry. An unresolved medical concern is referred for appropriate medical evaluation. LASC staff do not certify medical fitness or promise clearance after a fixed waiting period.

Authority and Emergency Help

Participant policy and acknowledgment

6 Authority conduct review and appeals

Any DM may stop a scene immediately. DM1 is the Head Dungeon Monitor, also called the Dungeon Master, and has final onsite authority for dungeon conflicts and resolution. Event-wide access and conduct action are handled by the event lead or authorized Board representative. Appeals go to the LASC Board; an appeal does not pause an active safety restriction.

Documented violations may result in a warning, activity restriction, removal from an assignment, revocation of event access or further Board review, based on the conduct and risk. Hotel room access remains a hotel decision under its agreement and law. Emergency responders direct medical care. Refund questions follow the separate event No Refund Policy, including its exceptions; a help request alone does not cause financial forfeiture.

7 Get help immediately

Call 911 for a suspected overdose or serious medical distress, particularly when someone cannot be awakened or is breathing slowly, irregularly or not at all. Do not wait for DM1, Board approval, paperwork or a refund decision. Stay with the person and follow dispatcher instructions. Alert the onsite safety lead without delaying the call.

LASC will not discipline someone merely for honestly requesting emergency help, reporting suspected drugging or assisting another person. Restricting unsafe activity while providing care is a protective step. Independent conduct such as drugging, coercion, violence or distribution may still be reviewed. Legal Good Samaritan protections have limits; LASC cannot promise criminal or civil immunity.

Participant acknowledgment

☐ I accept this policy, including medication accommodations, impairment rules and emergency access.

Participant name / event registration ID: _____

Signature / typed acceptance: _____ **Date:** _____

Request access arrangements through the private event contact supplied with registration. This acknowledgment is separate from liability, confidentiality and media consent.

Staff Response and Dungeon Authority

Operational instructions for event leads DMs volunteers and security

1 Recognize a concern and approach respectfully

Approach discreetly, with a second worker when practical. Ask whether the person needs medical help or an accommodation. Record observed behavior, time and location without diagnosing; medical conditions can resemble intoxication. Use the emergency procedure for distress or suspected overdose.

Pause unsafe activities and duties, protect privacy and notify DM1 and the safety/event lead. Arrange qualified relief to maintain required DM/security coverage; pause affected activities if coverage cannot be maintained.

2 Medical emergency procedure

Call 911 immediately for suspected overdose, inability to awaken or serious breathing difficulty. Give the property address, exact area, entry route and symptoms. Send a helper to guide responders. Never delay for organizer approval. [1, 2]

If opioid overdose is possible, give available naloxone according to the product directions while emergency help is summoned. Follow dispatcher guidance and the responder's training for breathing support, CPR and AED use. If unconscious but breathing normally, follow dispatcher guidance on side positioning. Stay until EMS takes over, even if the person improves. [1, 2]

Do not leave an unresponsive or medically unstable person in a care area, guest room or taxi to "sleep it off." Do not force them to walk, eat or drink, and do not use a cold shower or induced vomiting as a response. The care room is not a substitute for EMS. Suspected drugging is also an urgent consent and safety incident.

3 Stabilization decisions and safe departure

For a medically stable person, explain restrictions and support without shaming. Preserve medication and mobility-aid access. With consent, arrange sober support or suitable transport. Discourage impaired driving; call emergency services for immediate danger.

Volunteers do not forcibly search people, compel drug tests, seize keys, handle unknown powders or confiscate/destroy medication. Seek hotel/security help within their lawful authority. Hotel management and authorized responders handle room entry or eviction.

DM1 makes final onsite dungeon determinations. The event lead handles broader credential and duty restrictions; the Board reviews appeals. Qualified responders direct medical care. Appeals do not suspend safety restrictions.

4 Record the incident and protect confidentiality

Record observations, immediate actions, times, involved staff, EMS/hotel contact, restrictions, reassessment and handoff. Collect only information needed for safety and review; separate confidential medical details from general attendance and payment records. Share only with those who need it, responders or as law requires.

Interview people separately when appropriate. Preserve relevant evidence of suspected spiking or coercion through the authorized incident process without searching or testing substances yourself. Do not photograph or publish an incident for curiosity. Confidentiality rules never prevent emergency care or lawful reporting.

New York's 911 Good Samaritan law provides protections for certain overdose-related charges, with exceptions. Explain this cautiously and encourage emergency help; do not guarantee immunity or delay a call to decide whether the law covers a person. [3]

Implementation and Approval Record

LASC and hotel operating arrangements before publication

Confirm the venue boundaries and service rules

Obtain written agreement identifying LASC-controlled rooms, any remaining public bar/restaurant service, private-room rules, smoking/vaping restrictions and whether any property-wide dry condition is accepted. Confirm no alcohol service at official functions, entertainment or vendor activities. Give hotel staff and contracted security one agreed escalation process.

Confirm who handles a guest-room concern, whom to contact overnight and how EMS reaches each event area. Do not represent the hotel as fully alcohol-free or all areas as exclusive before the contract supports that statement.

Prepare people supplies and access arrangements

Name the safety/access lead, qualified first-aid responders, DM1, event decision maker and hotel duty manager. Verify AED/first-aid/naloxone availability, expiry dates and accessible locations before opening; identify responders familiar with the products and emergency plan. Keep emergency access, radios and relief coverage available throughout operations. Supplies do not establish a staffed medical service.

Brief workers on respectful assessment, medical conditions that may resemble intoxication and private accommodation handling. Review lawful medication, treatment/recovery protections and medical cannabis arrangements with counsel and the hotel. Apply individual risk assessment and reasonable modifications under applicable law, with privacy and no impairment during play or safety duties. [4–6]

Publish and retain acknowledgment

Provide participant pages 1–3 before registration acceptance, link them with the conduct terms and retain the accepted version and date. Keep the registration form's existing no-alcohol/no-recreational-drug/no-impairment acknowledgment consistent. Use the separate No Refund Policy for financial decisions and its required exceptions. Provide only the response instructions and private contacts a worker needs for their role.

Suggested registration wording: Discovery program areas and official activities are alcohol-free and recreational-drug-free. Impaired participation is prohibited. Lawful medication and access needs receive private consideration. Anyone may call 911 immediately; reporting a concern or seeking emergency help does not itself cause discipline.

Approval and operating contacts

Board adoption reference: _____ **Date:** _____

Hotel agreement / boundary reference: _____

Safety and access lead / private contact: _____

DM1: _____ **Event lead:** _____

Hotel duty contact / EMS access instructions: _____

Review sources checked November 10 2026

[1] CDC What to Do If You Think Someone Is Overdosing

[2] NYS Department of Health Facts about an Opioid Overdose

[3] NYS Department of Health 911 Good Samaritan Law

[4] US Department of Justice ADA Title III rules 36.208 and 36.302

[5] US Department of Justice ADA opioid treatment and recovery guidance

[6] NY Office of Cannabis Management Medical Cannabis Rules 113.19