WHAT IS QUEENSLAND POLICE DRUG DIVERSION?

From the 3rd May 2024 the Police Drug Diversion Program in Queensland is a legislated program that allows police to offer an eligible person an alternative to going to court for a minor drugs possession offence.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU ARE CAUGHT WITH DRUGS AND OFFERED DRUG DIVERSION?

If it's your first time and you agree to receive a Drug Diversion Warning:

1. Police give you a written notice.
2. Police confiscate and destroy drug/s and any item connected with using the drugs.

If it's your second or third time and you agree to participate in the Drug Diversion Assessment Program:

1. Police must explain the Drug Diversion Assessment Program appointment, give you a written requirement about participating and outline consequences of not attending.
2. You accept attending the program and will be given specific details such as the date, time, and location.
3. Police will confiscate and destroy drug/s and any item connected with using the drugs.
4. At a later date you will have an appointment with a drug and alcohol counsellor. Non attendance is considered breaking the law and you can be charged with contravening a direction or requirement of a police officer. Get legal advice!

YOU AREN'T ELIGIBLE FOR A POLICE DRUG DIVERSION PROGRAM IF YOU'RE:

- In possession of drugs or medicines that are more than the eligible quantities
- A police officer does not reasonably believe the drug/s in question were intended for personal use
- Arrested or questioned about supplying, producing or trafficking any drugs.
- Caught committing another indictable offence at the same time
- Have been previously sentenced to serve a term of imprisonment for supply, trafficking or production of a dangerous drug or precursor; or
- They have previously been offered a diversion/s and exhausted all available diversion opportunities.



FOR MORE INFO:

Drug Quantities visit: www.hi-ground.org

Drug Diversion Legal Advice Line: 1300 004 924
Or visit www.legalaid.qld.gov.au

https://www.police.qld.gov.au/drugs-and-alcohol/police-drug-diversion-program

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