

**FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
ALL FUTURE RAVES AND ELECTRONIC MUSIC EVENTS**

Venue Related Recommendations:

1. All events to be planned and managed using the Incident Command System (ICS) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Model.^{ii,v}
2. Determine the threat assessment of each event and develop an Event Action Plan (EAP) to address safety, medical and health issues.^{ii,v}
3. Complete an after action report following each event.
4. Attendance to be limited to individuals 18+ years old, where the venue is responsible for enforcing strict identification and age checks at all entrances to the event (including the use of automated age-checking equipment).^{i,ii,iii}
5. Recommend developing a policy to enforce the 18+ age limit and conclude the music performances no later than 02:00 AM at all electronic music festivals in Los Angeles County, including un-incorporated areas.ⁱⁱ
6. Limit capacity to approved space requirements determined by the jurisdictional fire departmentⁱⁱ
 - a. Determine occupant loads for stadium/arena areas and open areas
 - b. Assure emergency egress from interior of the event venue i.e., no excess density in interior routes needed for emergency medical and public safety.
7. Allowable hours and duration of event:^{ii,iii}
 - a. Conclude music sets/performances no later than 02:00 AM
 - b. Cease alcohol sales at least 30 minutes before the scheduled conclusion of the last music set/performance (excluding cool down time)
 - c. Allow attendees to remain in the venue for at least 60 minutes after the scheduled conclusion of the event for a cool down/sober up period with soft music, house lights on, and food/non-alcoholic beverages available
8. Require appropriate stage protection and security (e.g., concert barricade, standard security compound) as determined by public safety and security personnel.ⁱⁱ
9. Require appropriate perimeter fencing (to prevent fence jumpers and gate crashers, and for the safety of attendees) as determined by public safety personnel.ⁱⁱ
10. Require appropriate interior fencing (e.g., to separate General Admission, seating, and VIP areas) as determined by public safety and security personnel.ⁱⁱ
11. Remove (and arrest) any fence jumpers or gate crashers.ⁱⁱ
12. Ensure access to safe transportation (e.g., taxicab service or parental pick-up) for attendees leaving the venue due to substance use intoxication or invalid identification.ⁱⁱⁱ

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Safety and Law Enforcement Related Recommendations:

1. Recommend placing an “amnesty box” (contracted for by the promoter or venue) at locations near admission/entrance for discarding any illegal drugs or weapons.ⁱⁱ
2. Require thorough searches (and wandings) of all individuals and their bags entering the venue to limit illegal narcotics and weapons.ⁱⁱ
3. No backpacks or large purses; items attendee may bring limited to a jacket, and a single bag or purse, not to exceed 8” x 8”.ⁱⁱ
4. Recommend law enforcement and searches outside and inside the venue, targeting sales of illegal drugs.ⁱⁱ
5. Recommend DUI Sobriety Checkpoints to be conducted and prioritized over ease of exit. Include signage on DUI Checkpoints and/or the importance of identifying a designated driver.ⁱⁱⁱ
6. Recommend providing messaging to encourage attendees who are feeling sick or intoxicated (or whose friends are feeling sick or intoxicated) to ask law enforcement or medical staff for help without fear of being arrested.ⁱⁱⁱ
7. Require an appropriate ratio of law enforcement to private security based on the venue and threat assessment of the event.ⁱⁱ
8. Recommend monitoring of Twitter and other relevant social networking sites to maintain awareness of potential threats to safety and health.ⁱⁱⁱ
9. Ensure that public safety and medical personnel have compatible communication equipment, including full head gear for all public safety supervisors inside the venue.^{ii,v}
10. Establish conditions and a plan where the promoter in conjunction with public safety and medical personnel can announce or play pre-recorded messages on safety or health issues to the attendees.^{ii,iii,iv}

Alcohol Related Recommendations:

1. Require use of easily identifiable plastic/vinyl wristbands for those attendees aged 21 and older.ⁱⁱⁱ
2. Ensure that the facility and any concessionaires have current and valid ABC licenses, abide by ABC operation conditions, and must petition for a conditional license to add conditions.ⁱⁱ
3. Restrict alcohol consumption to certain locations only (e.g., no alcohol in parking lots unless venue has a special event permit).^{ii,iii}
4. Restrict the number of alcohol sales points.ⁱⁱⁱ

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Education Related Recommendations:

1. Develop a public service announcement regarding the dangers of drugs – and especially ecstasy – that can be viewed by every ticket purchaser and attendee, and is displayed on the event promoter’s website.^{i,iv}
2. Require promoter’s website to display information on the health effects (including symptoms requiring medical aid) of ecstasy and other illegal drugs commonly associated with electronic music events.^{iv}
3. Provide educational/harm reduction materials and information to the attendees at the venue.^{iii,iv}
4. Increase the effectiveness and visibility of warnings about illegal drug use outside and inside the facility, electronically and through signage.^{i,iii,iv}
5. Require event hired private security personnel to undergo training prior to each event regarding the detection of drug use in patrons, identification of drug paraphernalia, and safety procedures for overdose cases.^{i,iii,iv}
6. Compile law enforcement, safety, medical, and event related data for analysis and comparison, and complete an after action review (AAR) following the event to address major issues.^{iv,v}
7. Coordination between law enforcement/security and Department of Public Health to test seized suspected illegal substances from electronic music events, and present results for educational purposes.^{iii,iv}

Health Related Recommendations:

1. To minimize health issues related to weather conditions and possible drug use/misuse, ensure working water fountains and/or free water distribution sites in close proximity to each stage, and require that water and electrolyte beverages/sports drinks are widely available and their locations clearly identified. Use roaming vendors to make water and electrolyte beverages/sports drinks more easily accessible throughout the venue and especially at crowded stages.^{i,iii}
2. Require key event staff, vendors and servers to be briefed on signs and symptoms of drug overdose and heat related problems.^{iii,v}
3. Recommend that earplugs are available at entrances and/or first aid stations at no-cost.ⁱⁱⁱ

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Emergency Medical Services Related Recommendations:

1. Require clearly marked signage in multiple key locations regarding location of easily accessible medical services on site.^{i,v}
2. Deploy additional (and easily identifiable) roaming medical teams of paramedics or EMTs throughout the venue as determined by the threat assessment.ⁱ
3. Recommend an additional first aid station and/or on-site physician and nurse (to coordinate with the fire department and private ambulance provider in the planning process and during the event), in addition to appropriate event medical support (so that problems not requiring hospital emergency care are attended to and participants are provided appropriate treatment/support) as determined by the threat assessment.^{i,v}
4. Ensure early notification of events to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency, Medical Alert Center (MAC), and local hospitals.^v
5. The Department of Health Services will develop a pre-hospital policy addressing electronic music festivals and the interface with Emergency Medical Services.^v

Recommendations from the Board of Supervisors:

1. The Board of Supervisors will adopt the above recommendations as general policy direction for all electronic music festivals in Los Angeles County within their jurisdiction, whether these events take place at private or public venues.
2. The Board of Supervisors will encourage adoption of the above recommendations by all promoters and sponsoring entities within Los Angeles County, whether these events take place at private or public venues.
3. The Board of Supervisors will also include as one of the Board's key policy recommendations a zero-tolerance drug policy relating to electronic music festivals or raves in Los Angeles County, with the exception of alcohol sold to persons 21 and over.

ⁱRecommendations from the Coliseum Commission

ⁱⁱRecommendations from the Site Safety Workgroup

ⁱⁱⁱRecommendations from the Harm Reduction Workgroup

^{iv}Recommendations from the Public Education Workgroup

^vRecommendations from the Medical Response Workgroup