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Reducing risk at Schoolies Festivals

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What is Schoolies?

The South Australian Context

How schoolies is positioned in the literature

Aims of presentation

- To present different harm minimization strategies used at Adelaide Schoolies Festival

Infrastructure – Bus Service

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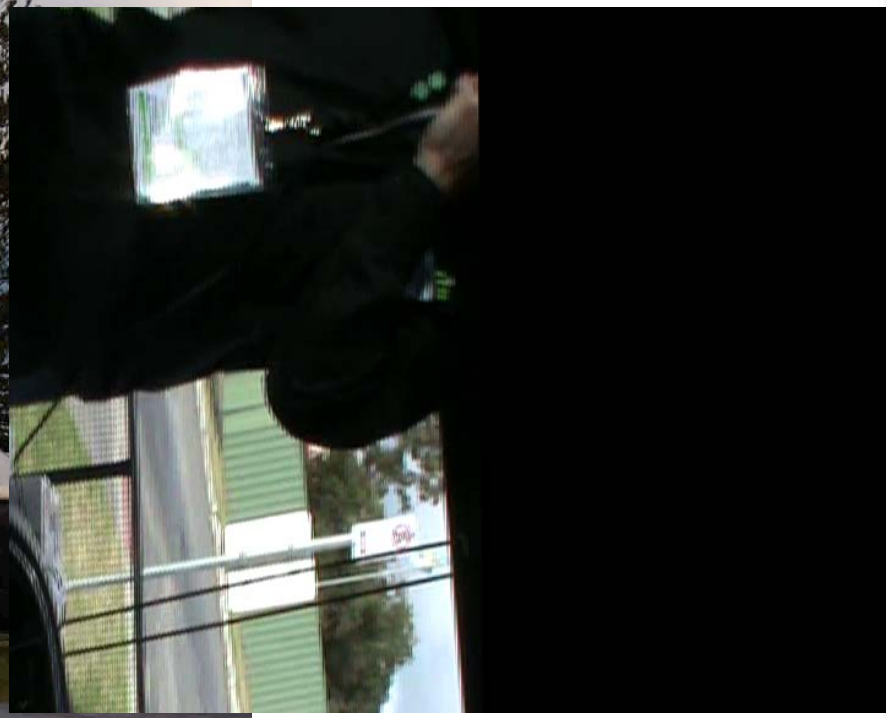
Infrastructure - website

Infrastructure - App

- http://www.fusion.com.au/case-studies/mobileapps.aspx

Environmental – Dry Zone

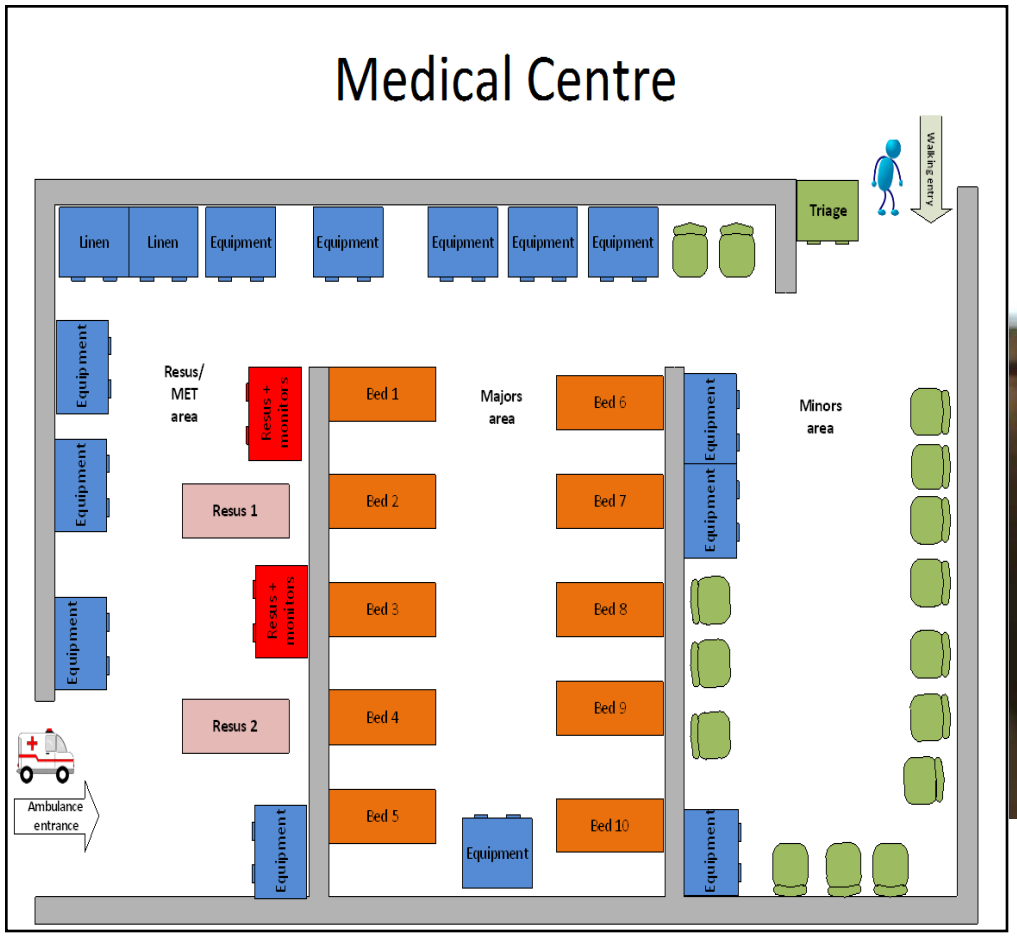


Environmental – Caravan Parks

Personnel – Green Team

Personnel - Police

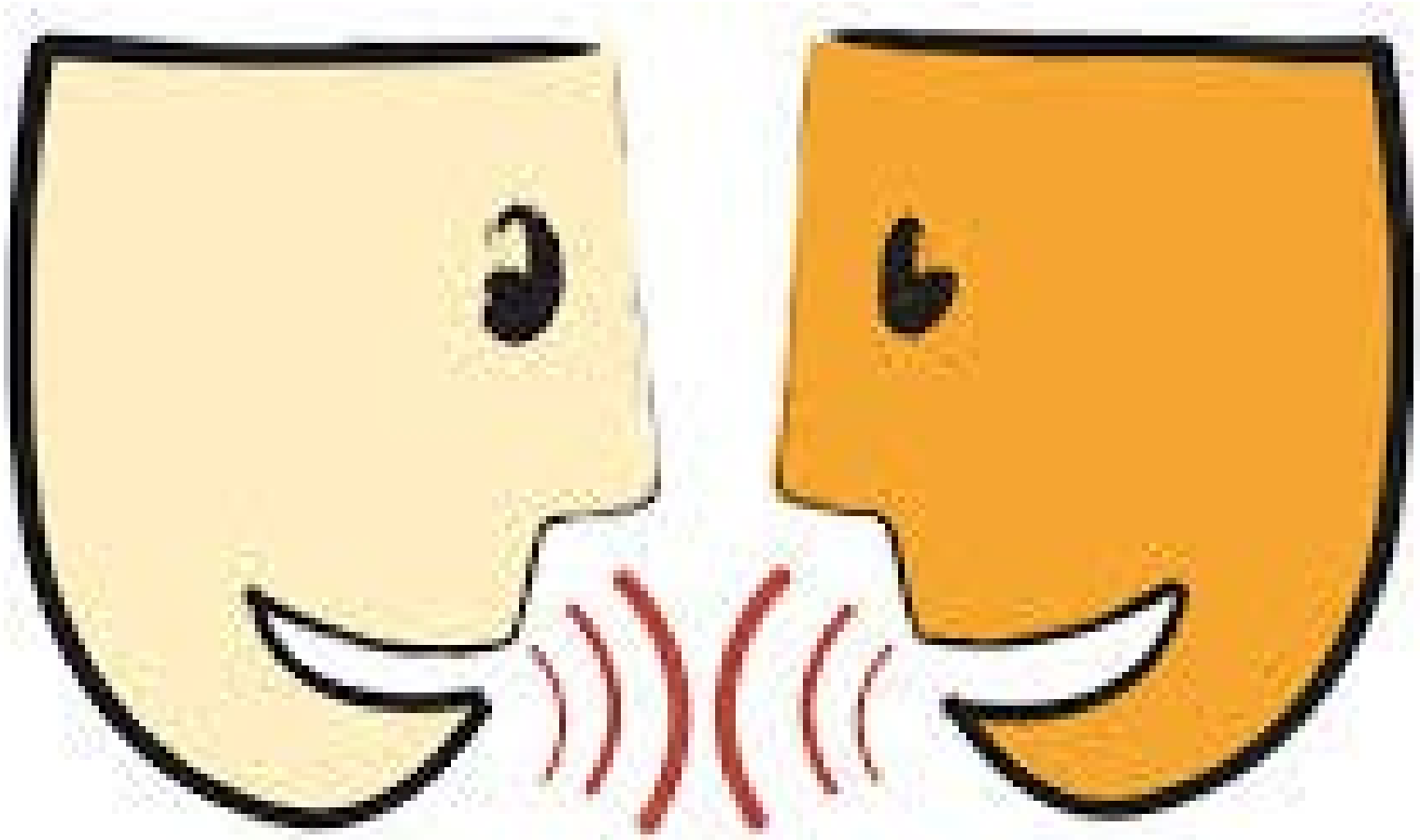
Personnel – On site care



Education – Schoolies Seminars

- Whose calling your shots?
- Alert not alarmed
- Safety at Schoolies
- Know your limits

Communication



What do Schoolies think?

Are these strategies effective?

Year	2009		2010		2013	
Category	No	%	No	%	No	%
Cardiac/ non arrest	2	0,60%	6	0,26%	2	0,85%
Other	9	2,50%	18	4,70%	11	4,70%
Asthma	6	1,70%	10	3,80%	13	5,60%
Laceration	9	2,50%	41	11%	18	7,70%
Heat related illness	1	0,20%	11	3%	2	0,85%
Drug/ alcohol treatment	87	24,00%	99	26%	81	34,70%
Minor injuries	189	52,00%	152	40%	50	21,40%
Minor problems	58	16,00%	45	12%	56	24%
Total	361		382		233	
Population	6000*	6%	7000*	5,45%	10000*	2,33%

*rounded off to nearest 1000

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Concluding comments