



Breakout Phone-Free Policy

As a youth group Breakout aims to be a safe space for all youth and strive to provide a positive experience in all our programmed events. To better achieve this Breakout runs as a **“phone free zone”** to better safeguard youth and help them best benefit from the community and the opportunities the program provides. This is following guidance from many schools and the government guidelines.

The following rules regarding members’ mobile phones will apply:

- Respectful use of mobile phones is our top priority. Therefore, mobiles phones are not permitted during activities, discussions, faith slots and down times [unless stated otherwise].
- Members may use their phones upon arrival and departures times.
- Mobile phones brought to Breakout must be handed in, where they will safely be stored away until the end of the event.
- If members want or need to phone home at a time other than arrival or departure times, they can ask to use their phone and agree a convenient time with a leader [we do not want to stop youth phoning parents/ guardians]

Members can keep mobile phones in the following exceptional circumstances:

- Expecting an emergency call
- Earlier departure time than programmed event
- In these circumstances mobile phones must not be used for any other purpose other than contact between youth and parents. Mobile phones must not be used to:
 - Take pictures/videos of other youth or leaders without consent
 - send or receive messages outside of parents
 - cause generally disruption to programmed activities
- Mobile phones kept by youth are entirely their responsibility, and we will not be liable for any damage/lost/ theft of property.

The following outlines the procedures if these rules are not kept by a member:

- Any form of breach of the above policy will be dealt with in line with our Behaviour Management Policy and will result in the confiscation of a phone, only returned at the end of the night.

Name of young person:

Signature:

Date:

Name of parent/ guardian:

Signature:

Date: