

WEAR IT PURPLE[®] PRIDE PARTY

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ACCESS GUIDE

WHAT IS THIS EVENT?

- This event is held in honour of [Wear It Purple Day](#). Learn more [here!](#)
- Wear It Purple Pride Party is a social dance party for LGBTQIA+ youth aged 12 to 19
- This is a space to make some amazing queer youth pals, and celebrate who you are
- You can wear whatever you feel comfortable in, but the theme is PURPLE!
- This event is held at the Victorian Pride Centre in St Kilda
- There are high, medium and low sensory areas at this event
- Feel free to bring fidgets, sensory toys, accessibility aids or noise-cancelling headphones
- This is an alcohol-free, drug-free, smoke-free and vape-free event!
- Youth Workers and Minus18 Safety Angels will be present at the event

WHEN AND WHERE

DATE: Saturday 24th August

TIME: 5:30pm - 8:30pm

LOCATION: Theatrette, Victorian Pride Centre
79 - 81 Fitzroy Street, St Kilda 3182

COST: FREE!

You must have a valid ticket to attend this event.



ACCESSIBILITY AT THE PRIDE CENTRE

- Wheelchair accessible entrance
- Youth Workers & Safety Angels available to support
- All bathrooms are gender neutral and wheelchair accessible
- Accessible lifts with voice descriptions and slow closing doors
- Lighting design to meet low sensory needs
- Assistance animals are welcome

HOW TO GET THERE

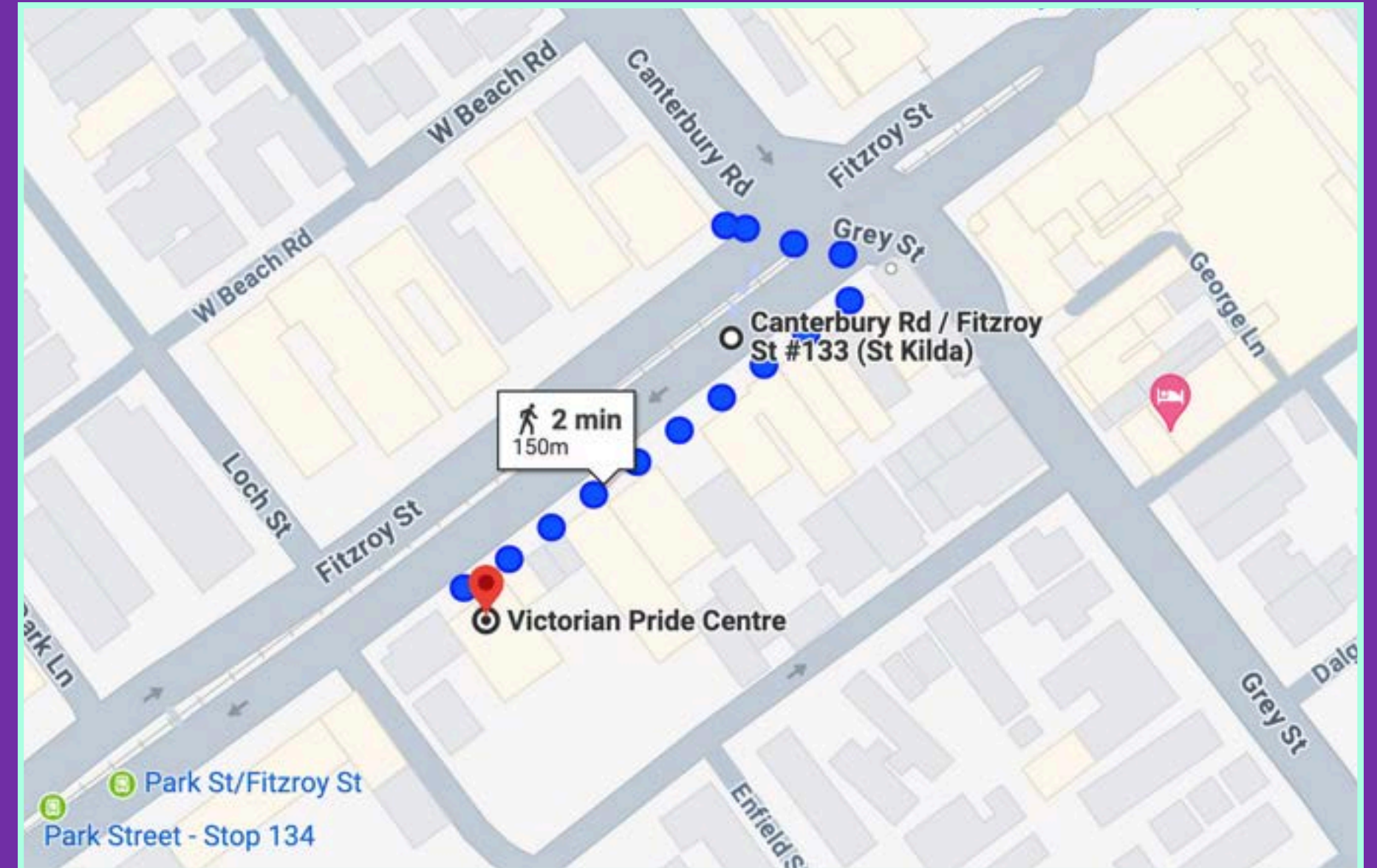
Tram:

- [Plan your journey here!](#)
- Flinders St Station: Take the route 16 tram from Melbourne University towards Kew. Alight at stop #133
- Southern Cross Station / Parliament Station: Take the route 96 tram from East Brunswick towards St Kilda beach. Alight at tram [stop #132](#) - St Kilda Station, Accessible tram stop
- From East Brunswick / Fitzroy North / Fitzroy: Take the route 96 tram from East Brunswick towards St Kilda beach. Get off at tram [stop #132](#) - St Kilda Station, Accessible tram stop
- From Kew / Hawthorn / Malvern / Caulfield North / Balaclava: Take the route 16 tram from Kew towards Melbourne University. Get off at [stop #132](#) - St Kilda Station, Accessible tram stop

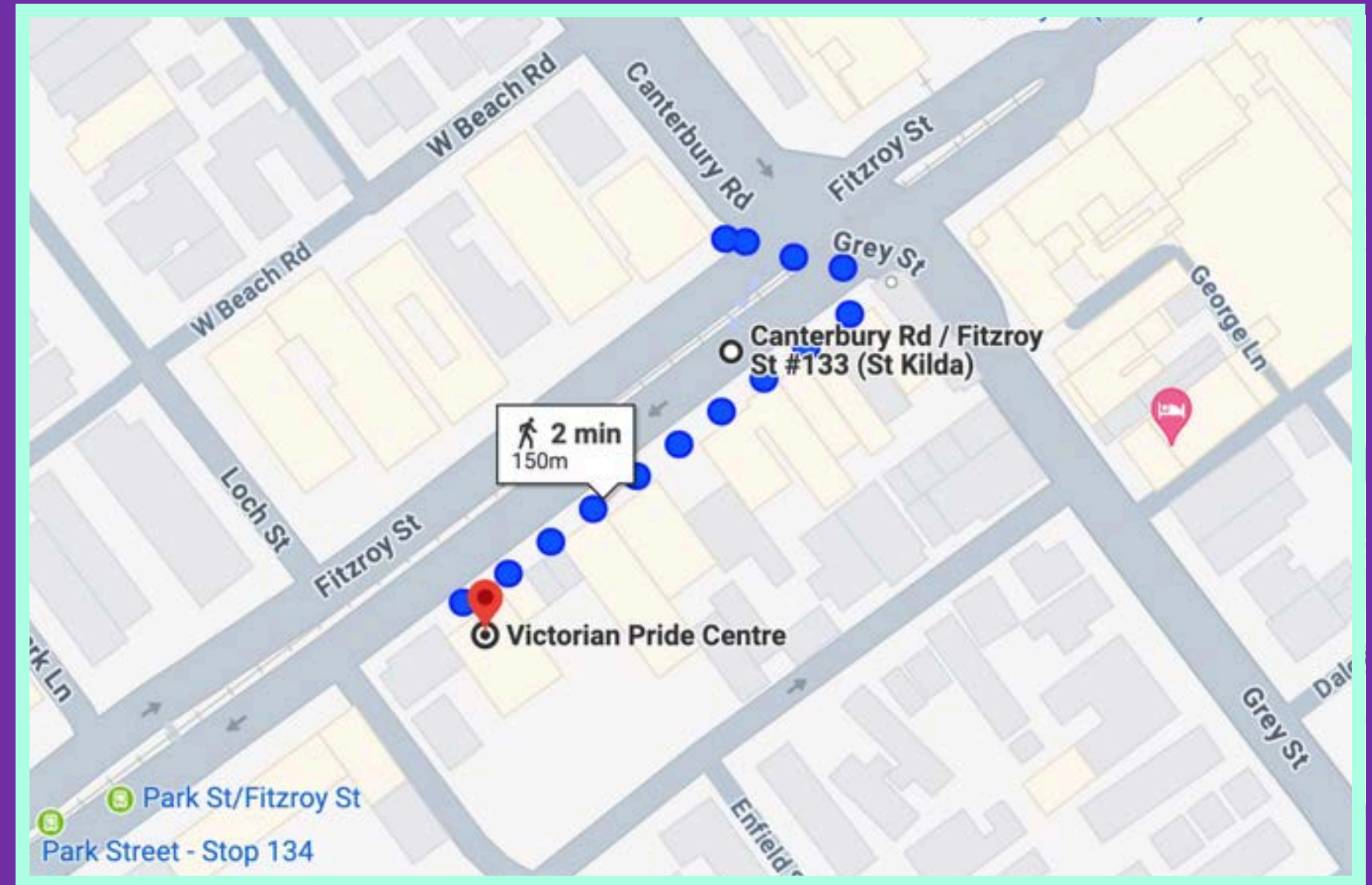
Car: You can get dropped off at the front of VPC, otherwise there is local street parking close by.

GETTING THERE SAFELY

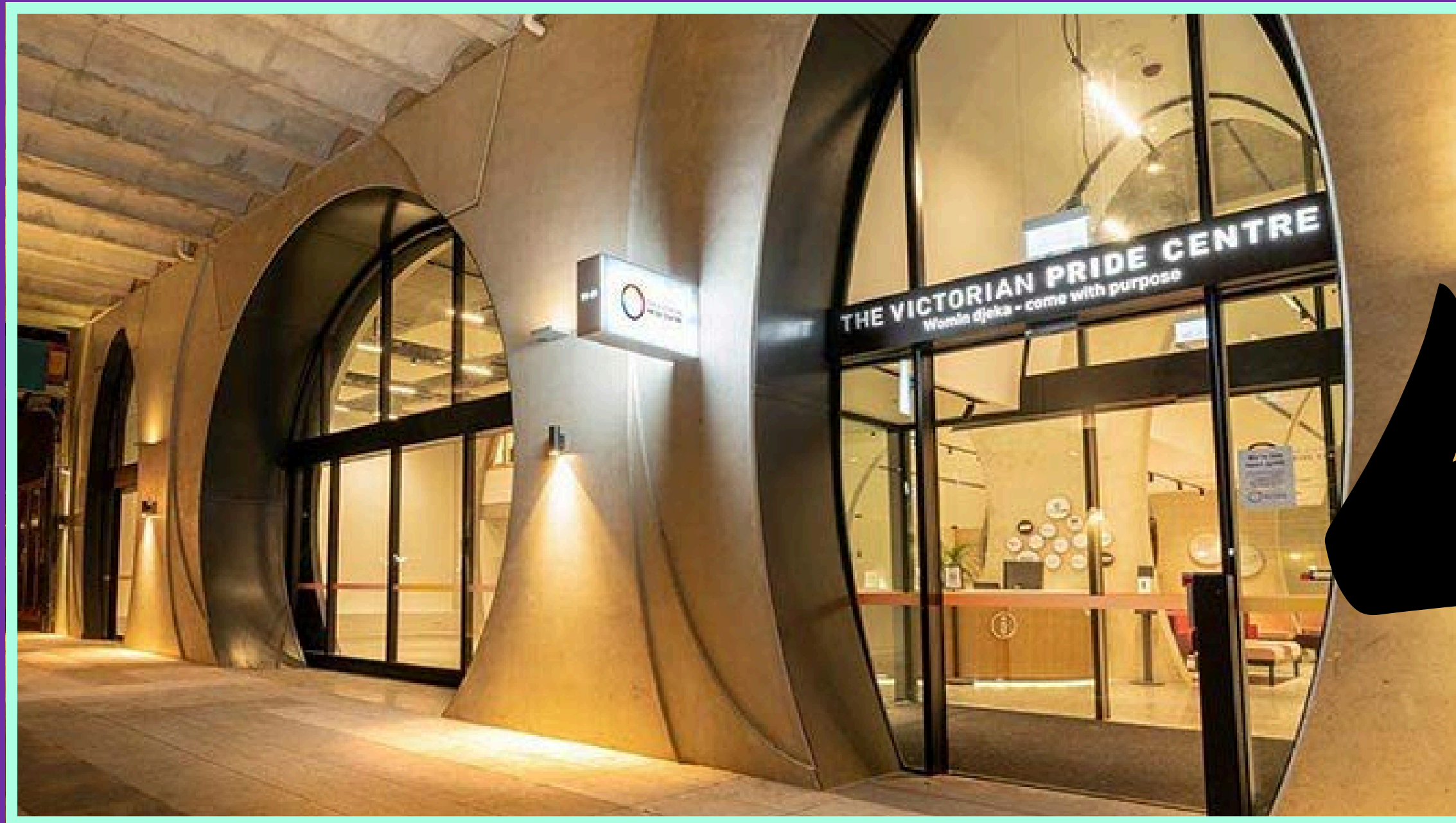
- Minus18 Youth Workers and Safety Angels will be present at St Kilda Station tram stop, and will walk with you to the Victorian Pride Centre
- Get off at tram stop #132 St Kilda Station/Fitzroy St
- They will help you get home safely at the end of the event!
- We will have a group walking to and from the event! Meet at the Flinders Street Station steps at:
 - **5:20pm** - Meet at St Kilda Station Accessible Tram Stop
 - **8:30pm - 8:40pm** - Meet out the front of the VPC



THE PRIDE CENTRE IS ON FITZROY STREET



THIS IS THE ENTRANCE TO THE PRIDE CENTRE



YOU CAN TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE VENUE HERE

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THIS IS THE MAIN ROOM OF THE EVENT



Tables will be moved to the side

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PHOTOGRAPHY

We'll have a few minus18 Crew taking photos to capture the moments at this event! These photos may be put on social media to celebrate the event.

If you don't want to be in any photos that's totally okay!

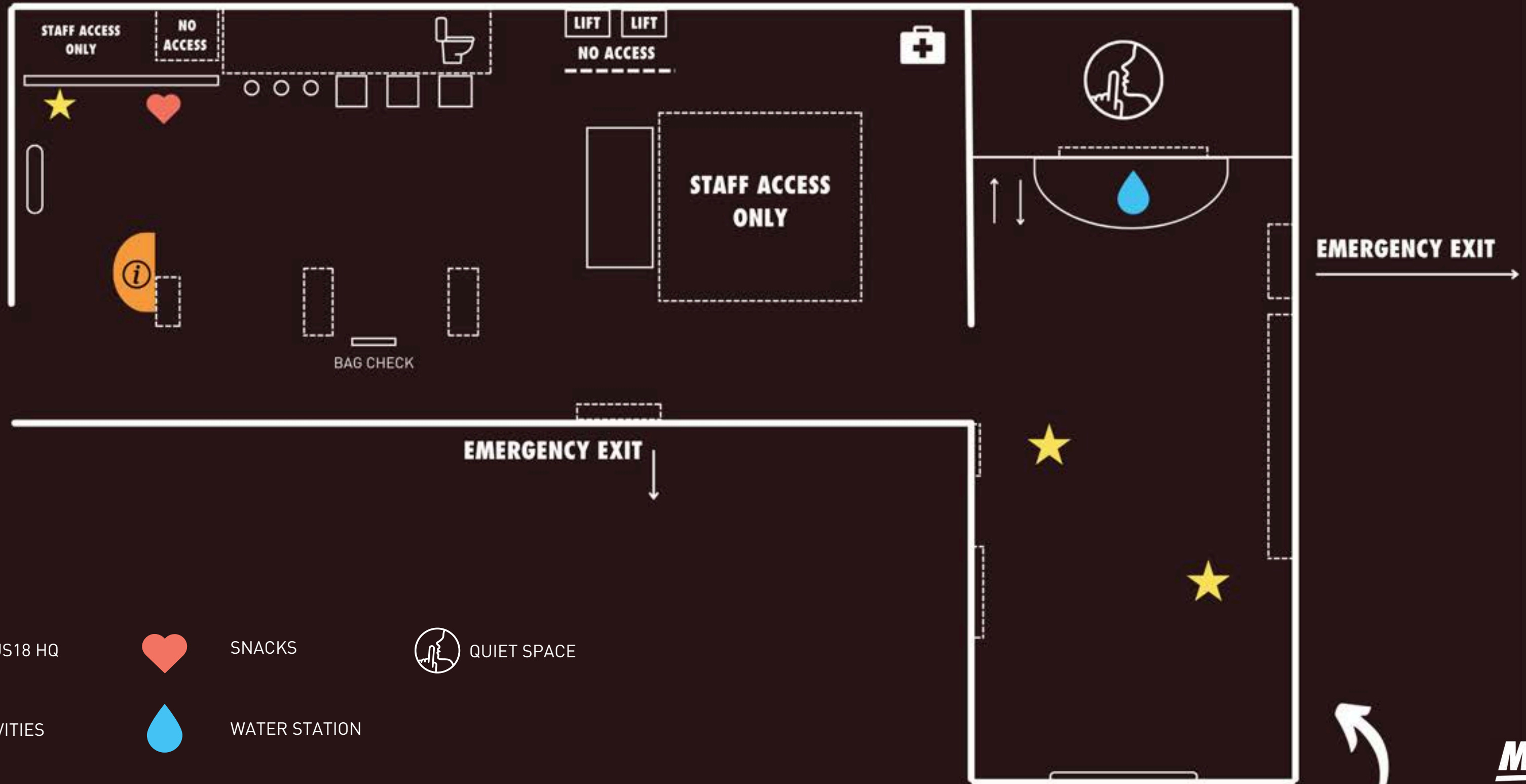
You can get a **GREEN** wrist band or lanyard from Minus18 HQ to let our photographer know you don't want to be photographed

EVENT MAP

ACTIVITY SPACE

QUIET SPACE

ENTRY



KEY



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SNACKS



QUIET SPACE



ACTIVITIES



WATER STATION



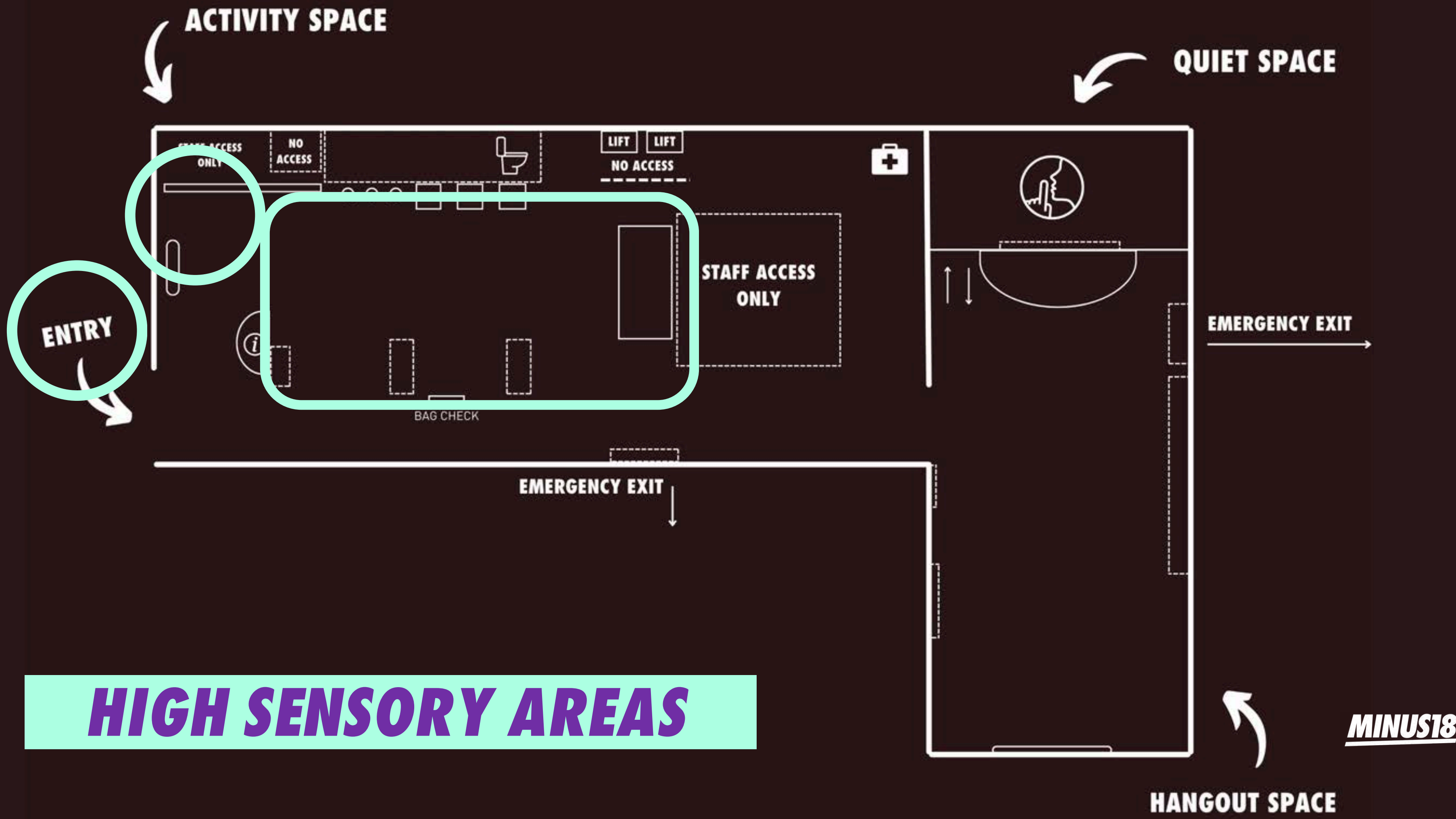
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BATHROOM



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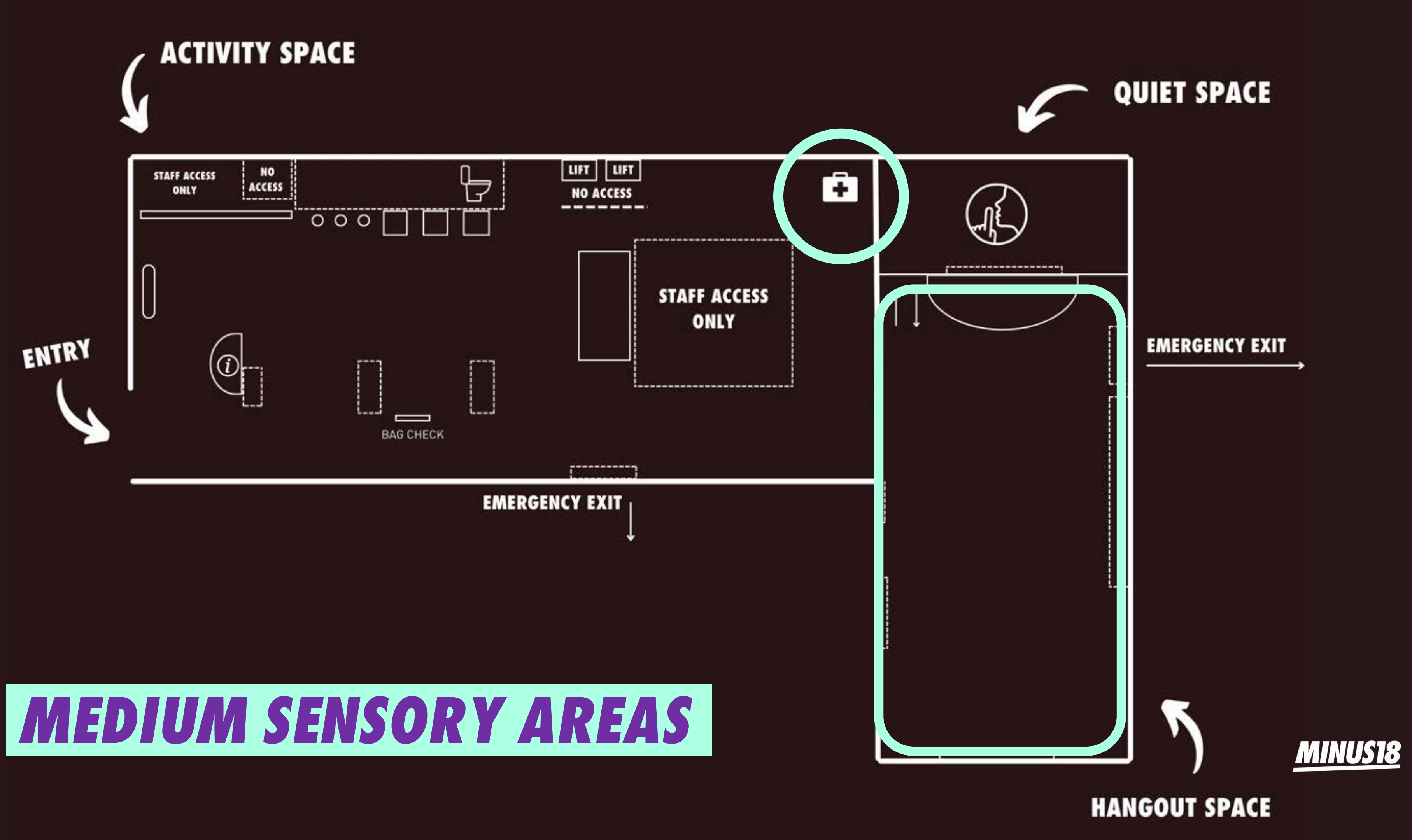
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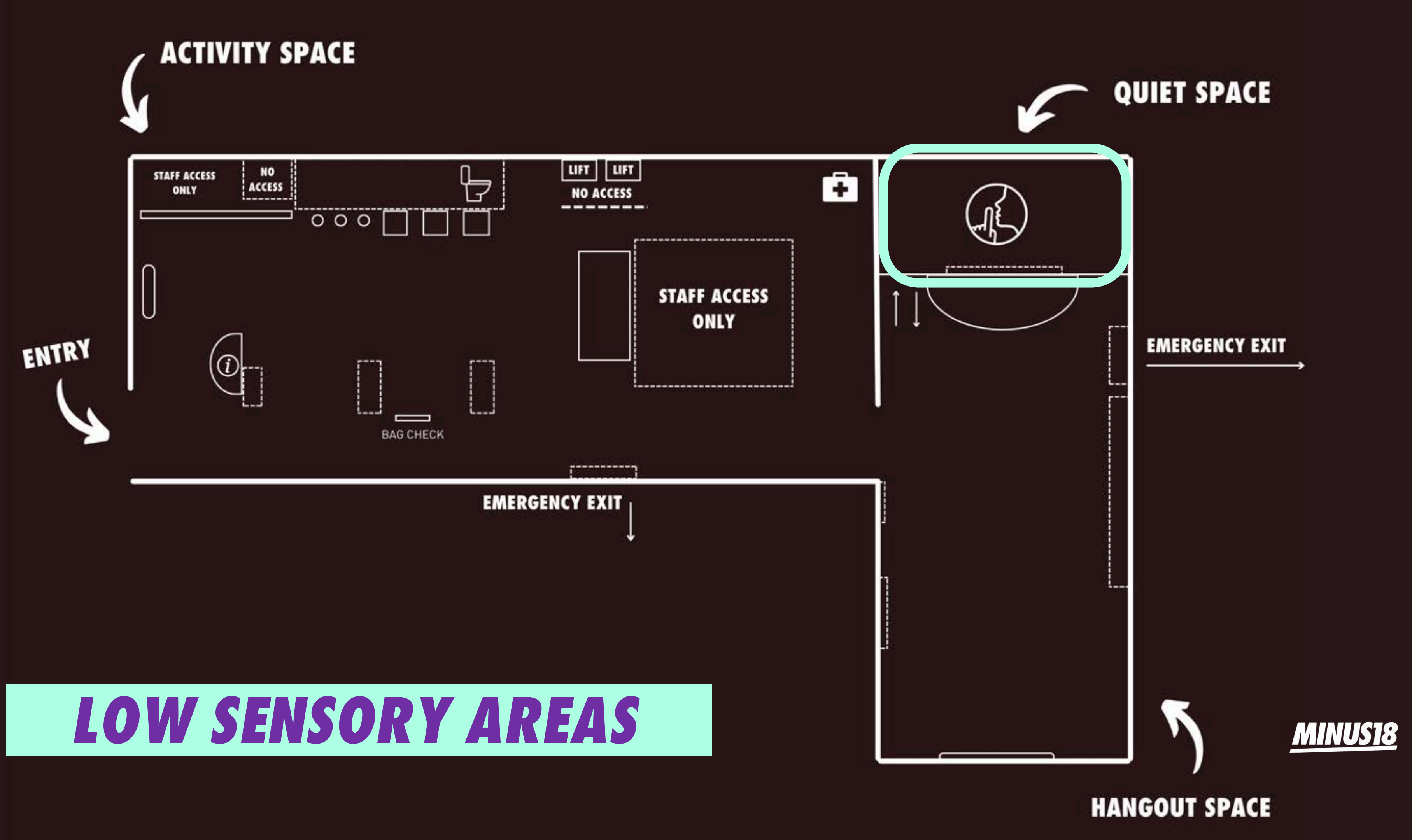
HANGOUT SPACE



HIGH SENSORY AREAS

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MINUS18 YOUTH WORKERS

Minus18 Youth Workers are all absolute legends and here to help you!

All our Youth Workers are qualified professionals and members of the LGBTIQ+ community. They do an amazing job of supporting attendees and making sure y'all have a fun, affirming and safe night!

When you are at the VENUE look out for legends wearing:

- Black Youth Worker t-shirts
- Pride lanyards and pronoun pins
- Pride Minus18 branded signs
- Rainbow flags

MINUS18 YOUNG LEADERS

Minus18 Young Leaders are a group of 20 incredible LGBTQIA+ youth leaders aged 18 to 25!

They will be wearing rainbow pride lanyards. They will be hosting fun activities at this event!

You can meet all the Young Leaders [HERE](#)

WHAT TO BRING

- Your digital ticket - ready to be scanned! This will be in your email inbox
- A fully charged phone (we'll have some chargers at Minus18 HQ if you need!)
- An empty water bottle (that you can re-fill once inside)
- Noise cancelling headphones or earplugs (if you want to)
- A facemask (if you want to wear one)
- A mobility aid (if applicable)
- A fidget toy if you need!
- Snacks (optional)

ENTERING THE EVENT

- I can arrive any time from 5:30pm
- There are no vapes or cigarettes allowed at this event. They will be confiscated at the door by Youth Workers!
- There are no pass outs - if you leave you won't be able to come back inside

ENTERING THE EVENT

- I will walk into the Victorian Pride Centre
- There will be Minus18 Youth Workers near the entrance to help guide me to the ticket scanners
- There will be a security guard at the front of the venue
- I will get my ticket ready on my phone for scanning
- I will show my digital ticket to the Minus18 Young Leader
- The Minus18 Young Leader will scan my ticket and I will be able to enter the venue (valid ticket holders)
- If I have a bag, Minus18 Youth Workers will check my bag inside
- I will enter the event

THIS IS MINUS18 HQ!



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MINUS18 HQ

- Some of our amazing Young Leaders will be at Minus18 HQ to say hi and tell you about the event! If I have any questions, I can go to Minus18 HQ
- You can pick up a pronoun pin or name and pronoun tag!
- If you don't want to be in any photography you can get a GREEN wrist band or lanyard here to let our photographer know
- We will have phone chargers available
- I can pick up some earplugs

SENSORY GUIDE - SOUND

- Announcements
- Voices & chatting
- Cheering & applause
- Music (live and pre-recorded)
- Camera shutter (photos being taken)
- JENGA tower falling over
- Shouting, whooping and singing

SENSORY GUIDE - TACTILE FEELS 🖐️🖐️

- Crowd movement
- Shared personal space
- The Foyer at Victorian Pride Centre will be busy
- Change in ground surface (concrete to carpet)
- Temperature changes
- Vibrations from music - depending on how close you are to the stage

SENSORY GUIDE - SMELLS 🤧

- Perfume & body sprays
- Food (there will be snacks and water)
- Textas, POSCA paint pens and PVA glue smells
- Deodorant & people smells (e.g. sweat)
- [ARRIVAL / EXIT] Petrol & exhaust fumes

SENSORY GUIDE - SIGHT

- Bright lights on stage
- Large crowds
- Performers in costume
- Lots of colour
- High ceilings
- Camera flashes
- Performers on stage who might display different expressions, movements and audience interactions

SENSORY GUIDE - EMOTIONAL SENSES

- Excitement: You may experience anticipation and excitement at different points of the event
- Connection: You may feel connected with the community around you
- Euphoria: You may feel euphoric during the event
- Overwhelmed: You may feel overwhelmed at different points of the event.
There are youth workers and quiet spaces to support you!

SENSORY GUIDE - STIMMING



Stimming involves repetitive movements, vocalisation or object manipulation!

- You may see people stimming at this event!
- You may want to stim at this event!

This event is a safe space for stimming and all emotional expression!

WHAT CAN I DO AT THIS EVENT - DANCE FLOOR

- I can listen to the performances
- I can join in a friend making activity
- I can dance the night away!
- I can request a song
- I can join a dance circle
- I can chat to other queer youth
- I can dance with other queer youth
- I can start or join a conga line (*there is always at least one*)
- I can clap at the end of each performance
- I can sit down on a chair if I need a break

WHAT CAN I DO AT THIS EVENT - HANGOUT SPACE

- I can chat with some queer youth friends
- I can do some drawing
- I can get some water
- I can say hi to Queerspace Youth
- I can speak to a Youth Worker
- I can sit down and take a break if I need it
- I can play some games like JENGA or UNO
- I can walk into the quiet room if I need to



WHAT CAN I DO AT THIS EVENT - ACTIVITY SPACE

- I can get a photo at the DIY Photobooth
- I can get a snack or drink of water
- I can check out the Sportsgirl Station
- I can sit on a chair and relax
- I can speak with some other attendees
- I can speak to a Youth Worker
- I can go to Minus18 HQ

ACCESSIBILITY

- Minus18 Staff are all First Aid trained
- St Johns First Aid will be at this event
- There are Youth Workers available on site
- All event areas have wheelchair ramp access
- This event is has a quiet low sensory space
- There is a Quiet Space I can access with a Youth Worker
- All-gender bathrooms

WHAT IF I NEED HELP?

- I can speak to a Youth Worker and ask for help
- I can tell a friend I need to speak to a Youth Worker
- I can go to the Quiet Space and sit with a Youth Worker
- I can tell the Minus18 crew I need some help
- I can speak to a First Aid if I need medical support
- I can speak to a Young Leader and ask about the event

CONTACT

Minus18 is committed to creating safe and accessible spaces for all queer youth! If you have any feedback on this social script that you would like us to know, get in touch via email

>> platforms@minus18.org.au <<<