



# QUEENSLAND COUNCIL FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES - Information regarding the particular powers Queensland Police can use during the 2018 Commonwealth Games

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The Commonwealth Games are to be held from 4 to 15 April 2018 at the Gold Coast, with additional event sites in Brisbane, Townsville and Cairns.

The police have been given a number of additional powers during this time, to assist with safety and security concerns. These powers apply to protective security zones and major event areas.

## PROTECTIVE SECURITY ZONE

### What is a protective security zone?

Protective security zones are areas which are associated with the Games. They may be areas surrounding an event venue, or areas where there is public transport used to take people to and from the Games. Not all zones are protective security zones for the entirety of the games, and each zone's duration is included below.

### Where are protective security zones?

Gold Coast:

- [Broadbeach Precinct](#)
  - 1 April 2018 - 15 April 2018
- [Carrara Sports Precinct](#)
  - 1 April 2018 - 15 April 2018
- [Commonwealth Games Village Precinct](#)
  - 10 March 2018 - 15 April 2018
- [Coolangatta Beachfront](#)
  - 6 April 2018 - 12 April 2018

- [Coomera Indoor Sports Centre](#)
  - 5 April 2018 to 15 April 2018
- [Currumbin Beachfront](#)
  - 8 April 2018 to 15 April 2018
- [Cycling Road Race Course](#)
  - 14 April 2018
- [Cycling Time Trial Course](#)
  - 10 April 2018
- [Games Family Hotel](#)
  - 21 March 2018 to 16 April 2018
- [Marathon Course](#)
  - 15 April 2018
- [Nerang Mountain Biking](#)
  - 12 April 2018
- [Oxenford Studios](#)
  - 5 April 2018 to 15 April 2018
- [Robina Stadium](#)
  - 4 April 2018 to 15 April 2018
- [Southport Broadwater Precinct](#)
  - 4 April 2018 to 15 April 2018
- [Surfers Paradise Festival Live Site](#)
  - 4 April 2018 to 15 April 2018
- [Triathlon Field of Play](#)
  - 5 April 2018 to 7 April 2018

Brisbane:

- [Brisbane Venues](#)
  - 5 April 2018 to 14 April 2018
- [South Bank Games Festival](#)
  - 4 April 2018 to 15 April 2018

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Townsville:

- [Townsville Games Festival](#)
  - 4 April 2018 to 15 April 2018
- [Townsville Venues CBD](#)
  - 4 April 2018 to 15 April 2018
- [Townsville Venues CBD](#)
  - 31 March 2018 to 11 April 2018
- [Townsville Venues Entertainment Centre](#)
  - 31 March 2018 to 11 April 2018

Cairns:

- [Cairns Game Festival](#)
  - 4 April 2018 to 15 April 2018
- [Cairns Venues](#)
  - 31 March 2018 to 11 April 2018

Heavy and Light Rail Networks

- [Gold Coast Train Line – Heavy Rail Network](#)
  - 4 April 2018 to 15 April 2018
- [Gold Coast Light Rail Network \(G:Link\)](#)
  - 4 April 2018 to 15 April 2018
- [Helensvale Transport Hub](#)
  - 4 April 2018 to 15 April 2018

### **Particular Police Powers**

#### **Who can exercise powers in these zones?**

Only police officers may exercise the powers outlined below in these zones.

#### **Can police search me or my personal property in these zones?**

A police officer is allowed to search you in these zones, and can inspect, open and examine items in your possession. In searching you and your possessions, they may use a firearm, metal detector or explosive-detection dog.

A police officer is allowed to search your vehicle. They can detain the vehicle for as long as necessary to conduct the search, move the vehicle, scan the vehicle with an electronic device or open the vehicle. If a police officer asks you to open or move the vehicle for them, you must comply under these powers.

A police officer is not allowed to ask you to remove your clothing in the process of a search, unless another provision of the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act* is triggered, like being reasonably suspected of committing an offence.

#### **Can police search my house in these zones?**

If a police officer doesn't have a warrant, they may enter and search your residence if you consent to the search and the police reasonably suspects an offence may be committed in your residence that may endanger the safety of a person. You may withdraw your consent at any point during the search if the police have no other authority to conduct the search.

Your residence does not include carports, verandas, areas beneath residences or land surrounding residences. Police may search these areas without your consent.

#### **Can I be directed to move on or be removed from these zones?**

A police officer may ask you to move to a specific place, stay in a specific place or to leave this zone. This may be to avoid overcrowding.

### **MAJOR EVENT AREA**

#### **What is a major event area?**

A major event area is an area where a Commonwealth Games event is held. For example, this may be a sporting arena, a precinct, public transport hub or a convention centre. The new areas came into being under the *Major Events (Gold Coast Commonwealth Games) Regulation 2017*.

#### **Where are Major Event Areas?**

Competition venues and events

- [Anna Meares Velodrome](#)
- [Belmont Shooting Complex](#)
- [Broadbeach Bowls Club](#)
- [Cairns Convention Centre](#)
- [Carrara Sports Precinct](#)
- [Coolangatta Beachfront](#)
- [Coomera Indoor Sports Centre](#)

- [Currumbin Beachfront](#)
- [Cycling Time Trial Course](#)
- [Cycling Road Race Course](#)
- [Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre](#)
- [Gold Coast Hockey Centre](#)
- [Marathon Course](#)
- [Nerang Mountain Biking Course](#)
- [Nerang Mountain Biking Venue](#)
- [Oxenford Studios](#)
- [Race Walk Course](#)
- [Robina Stadium](#)
- [Southport Broadwater Parklands](#)
- [Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre](#)
- [Triathlon Course](#)

#### Non-competition venues

- [Ashmore PCYC](#)
- [Athlete Bus Depot](#)
- [Broadbeach Celebration Zone](#)
- [Cairns Regional Village](#)
- [Commonwealth Games Village](#)
- [Commonwealth House](#)
- [Games Family Hotel](#)
- [Games Headquarters](#)
- [Gold Coast Turf Club](#)
- [Griffith University](#)
- [Macintosh Island Fleet Staging](#)
- [Musgrave Hill Bowls Club](#)
- [Northern Fleet Depot](#)
- [Parkwood Sharks Oval](#)
- [Runaway Bay Training Venues](#)
- [St Hilda's School](#)
- [Surfers Paradise Celebration Zone](#)
- [The Southport School](#)
- [Townsville Regional Village](#)
- [Uniform and Accreditation Centre](#)
- [Vehicle Search Point](#)
- A number of temporary Park and Rides
- Temporary Transport Depots in Yatala and Penny Lane

#### Who can exercise powers in these areas?

Police officers and authorised persons, including public service employees, local government employees and employees of the major event

organisation have powers in these areas. An authorised person must produce an identification card before exercising any power. However, certain powers such as searching your person, removing a person from an MEA, or removing a person from a vehicle using reasonable force, may only be exercised by police officers.

#### **Powers**

##### **Can police search me or my personal property in these areas?**

A police officer or authorised person may ask for your consent to inspect your possessions, remove articles of your clothing, and open and inspect your bag. They may use an electronic detection device. A police officer may frisk search you. If you are suspected of committing an offence, they do not need to ask your consent to conduct such a search.

A police officer or authorised person may ask your consent to inspect your vehicle and remove any item from your vehicle to inspect it. They may ask you to move your vehicle, stop your vehicle and get out of your vehicle. You must comply with these directions.

##### **Can police search my house in these areas?**

A police officer may only search your house if they have a search warrant.

##### **Can I be directed to move on or be removed from these areas?**

If you are believed to be committing an offence, intoxicated or affected by a drug, or you cannot provide a ticket to the Games event, a police officer may ask you to leave. If you refuse, a police officer may use reasonable force to remove you.

If you are removed from a Games event, you cannot be excluded for more than 24 hours. A Games event organiser may exclude you for the rest of the event.

## **WHAT IF I LIVE or WORK IN ONE OF THESE AREAS?**

Protective security zone: You are not prevented from coming and going through the protection security zones. You may be subject to searches by police.

Major event area: You may apply for an occupant's pass authorising you to enter and remain in the area during the Games if you live or work in one of these areas.

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