

LICENSED PREMISES POINT OF SALE INTERVENTION

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HOW DOES THE LAW IMPACT YOU?

WHAT IS POINT OF SALE INTERVENTION?

Police officers and Police Auxiliary Liquor Inspectors (PALIs) are empowered to conduct point of sale duties, including the ability to intervene and stop sales at takeaway liquor outlets across the Northern Territory.

DO I HAVE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS BY THE POLICE OR PALIS?

Yes. If you are on a licensed premises, or within 20m of an entrance or driveway to a licensed premises, and you appear to be intending to buy or buying takeaway alcohol or have bought alcohol or possess alcohol that has been bought then you can be questioned.

WHAT CAN THE POLICE OR A PALI ASK ME?

You must answer questions specified in *s250(2) of the Liquor Act (specified questions)*, including your name, address, where you will be drinking, if you are going to share it with anyone and/or who you will be sharing it with and if you are otherwise prohibited from purchasing or consuming alcohol. You can also be asked to show identification and answer questions about the information in the identification.

It is an offence to refuse or fail to answer any of the specified questions. Police may also ask you questions not specified in the *Act* for the purpose of preventing offences and contraventions under this *Act*.

If you are in a vehicle, the driver can be asked to stop the vehicle and anyone in the vehicle can be asked to follow reasonable directions.

IF I BUY ALCOHOL AND THEN GET ASKED THE QUESTIONS, CAN MY ALCOHOL BE SEIZED?

Yes. If police suspect that a liquor related offence will occur or that you will drink the alcohol in a prohibited public place, the alcohol may be seized and destroyed.

WHY DO THE PALIS AND POLICE OFFICERS NEED TO ASK ME THESE THINGS?

These questions are necessary to help police to reduce alcohol fuelled violence in our community. The police or PALIs will ask the questions to enable them to determine if a liquor related offence is likely to be committed and to ensure that the people drinking the alcohol are not on the Banned Drinker Register, or other conditions imposed by law (like Bail or a Domestic Violence Order), or if a person is going to drink the alcohol at a place where alcohol is not allowed to be consumed.

IF THE POLICE OR PALIS CHECK MY IDENTIFICATION, DO I STILL HAVE TO PROVIDE IT WHEN I BUY THE ALCOHOL?

Yes. The licensed premises must scan the identification; if they don't, they can't sell the alcohol to you.

WHAT IF I WANT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS?

You can contact your local police station or contact the Alcohol Policy Unit by email at drugandalcohol.policyunit@pfes.nt.gov.au or you can look up the law; the relevant areas are at *Part 10 Div 6 and Part 11 Div 1 Liquor Act (NT, 2019)*.

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Do I have to answer questions by the Police or PALIs?

YES*

Do I need to show my Identification and provide the Police or PALIs information on where I'll be drinking and who I may be sharing it with?

YES

Can the Police or PALIs seize my alcohol?

YES^

If the Police or PALIs check my ID, do I still need to provide it when I purchase alcohol?

YES

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* Failing to answer any of the questions specified in s250(2) of the Liquor Act is an offence and may result in a fine.

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