



Northern Territory  
Police Force

The 2023 implementation of the Hand Held Scanning (Wanding) legislation in the *Police Administration Act 1978*, brought with it the following obligation for public reporting on the website:

### **116KK Notice of hand held scanner authority to be published**

- (1) The Commissioner must publish notice of a hand held scanner authority on the Agency's website within 2 months after the authority is issued.
- (2) The notice must include the following information:
  - (a) a description of the suspected offence area, or the name of the high risk area or public transport facility, for which the hand held scanner authority was issued;
  - (b) the day and time the authority started and ended;
  - (c) information about:
    - (i) the offence or offences mentioned in section 116KB(3)(a) that were known to the Commissioner or approved member who issued the authority; and
    - (ii) the consideration by the Commissioner or approved member of the matters mentioned in section 116KB(3)(b) and (c) in relation to issuing the authority;
  - (d) for an authority issued for a suspected offence area – the grounds for the Commissioner's suspicion mentioned in section 116KB(1).



Geographical Area	Time / Date of Authority	116KB(3)(a) Offence or Offences Known to the Approving Member		116KB(3)(b)and(c) Considerations
<b>OCTOBER 2023</b>				
<b>Palmerston High Risk Area</b>	From 10:00am until 10:00pm on 3 October 2023.	In the previous 6 months:  An offence was committed by a person armed with a firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon; and  A violent offence was committed.	On 3 July 2023, offences of aggravated assault ( <i>Criminal Code Act 1983, s188</i> ) was committed by an offender armed with an edged weapon in a public place within the Palmerston High Risk Area.	The use of hand held scanners is likely to be effective to detect or deter the commission of an offence involving the possession or use of a knife or other weapon.
<b>Alice Springs High Risk Area</b>	From 11:00am until 11:00pm on 5 October 2023.	In the previous 6 months: An offence was committed by a person armed with a firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon.	On 29 September 2023, in a public place within the Alice Springs High Risk Area an offender armed themselves with an edged weapon in a public place within the Alice Springs High Risk Area. ( <i>Weapons Control Act, s7(1)</i> )	The Alice Springs Precinct is a high public use area and between 4:00pm and 4:00am Saturday/Sunday nights open as a late night trading hub with presence of 'licensed premises.' No previous authorisations have been issued.
<b>Casuarina High Risk Area</b>	From 9:00am until 9:00pm on	In the previous 6 months:	On 8 September 2023, an offence of aggravated	The use of hand held scanners is likely to be effective to detect

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	12 October 2023.	An offence was committed by a person armed with a firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon; and  A violent offence was committed.	assault ( <i>Criminal Code Act 1983, s188</i> ) was committed by an offender armed with a knife, in a public place within the Casuarina High Risk Area.	or deter the commission of an offence involving the possession or use of a knife or other weapon.
<b>Darwin High Risk Area</b>	From 9:00pm on 12 October 2023 until 9:00am on 13 October 2023.	In the previous 6 months:  An offence was committed by a person armed with a restricted weapon; and  A violent offence was committed.	On 16 September 2023, an offender was armed with a restricted weapon and a violent offence was committed. A person has been charged with Murder. ( <i>Criminal Code Act 1983, s156</i> ). This incident occurred in a public place within the Darwin High Risk Area.	The use of hand held scanners is likely to be effective to detect or deter the commission of an offence involving the possession or use of a knife or other weapon.
<b>Palmerston High Risk Area</b>	From 10:00am until 10:00pm on 12 October 2023.	In the previous 6 months:  An offence was committed by a person armed with a firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon; and  A violent offence was committed.	On 3 July 2023, offences of aggravated assault ( <i>Criminal Code Act 1983, s188</i> ) was committed by an offender armed with an edged weapon in a public place within the Palmerston High Risk Area.	The use of hand held scanners is likely to be effective to detect or deter the commission of an offence involving the possession or use of a knife or other weapon.

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<p><b>Darwin High Risk Area</b></p>	<p>From 9:00pm on 12 October 2023 until 9:00am on 13 October 2023.</p>	<p>In the previous 6 months:  An offence was committed by a person armed with a restricted weapon; and  A violent offence was committed.</p>	<p>On 16 September 2023, an offender was armed with a restricted weapon and a violent offence was committed. A person has been charged with Murder. (<i>Criminal Code Act 1983, s156</i>). This incident occurred in a public place within the Darwin High Risk Area.</p>	<p>The use of hand held scanners is likely to be effective to detect or deter the commission of an offence involving the possession or use of a knife or other weapon.</p>
<p><b>Casuarina High Risk Area</b></p>	<p>From 10:00am until 10:00pm on 17 October 2023.</p>	<p>In the previous 6 months:  An offence was committed by a person armed with a firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon; and  A violent offence was committed; and  More than one (1) weapon possession offence was committed.</p>	<p>On 19 September 2023, an offender went armed in public with a knife (<i>Criminal Code Act, 1983, s69</i>). This offending occurred in a public place within the Casuarina High Risk Area. On 9 October 2023, an offence of Aggravated Assault (<i>Criminal Code Act 1983, s188</i>) occurred whilst the offender was armed with a knife. This incident occurred in a public place within the</p>	<p>The use of hand held scanners is likely to be effective to detect or deter the commission of an offence involving the possession or use of a knife or other weapon and considerations were made relating to the effect on lawful activity in the area and the result of previous authorities.</p>

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			<p>Casuarina High Risk Area. On 12 October 2023, an offender went armed in public with a pair of scissors and broken bottle (Criminal Code Act, 1983, s69). This offending occurred in a public place within the Casuarina High Risk Area. On 12 October 2023, an offender went armed in public with a machete (Criminal Code Act, 1983, s69). This offending occurred in a public place within the Casuarina High Risk Area.</p>	
<b>Tennant Creek High Risk Area</b>	From 12:00pm until midnight on 20 October 2023.	<p>In the previous 6 months:</p> <p>An offence was committed by a person armed with a restricted weapon; and</p> <p>A violent offence was</p>	<p>On 5 October 2023, an offender committed an aggravated assault, whilst armed with a pair of scissors (<i>Criminal Code Act, 1983, s188</i>). This incident occurred in a public place within the</p>	<p>The Tennant Creek High Risk Area is a high use public area between 12:00pm and midnight, on Fridays licensed premises are open. No previous authority has been issued for this area.</p>

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		committed.	Tennant Creek High Risk Area. On 9 October 2023, an offender went armed in public with a knife.( <i>Criminal Code Act 1983, s69</i> ). This incident occurred in a public place within the Tennant Creek High Risk Area.	
<b>Casuarina High Risk Area</b>	Between 4:30pm on 20 October 2023 and 4:00am on 21 October 2023.	In the previous 6 months:  An offence was committed by a person armed with a firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon; and  A violent offence was committed; and  More than one (1) weapon possession offence was committed.	Around 12:15pm on 20 October 2023, three offenders were involved in a serious of incidents including an Aggravated Robbery, whilst armed with a machete. ( <i>Criminal Code Act 1983, s219</i> ). This incident occurred at a public place in the Casuarina High Risk Area.	The use of hand held scanners is likely to be effective to detect or deter the commission of an offence involving the possession or use of a knife or other weapon and considerations were made in relation to the effect on lawful activity in the area and the results of previous authorities.

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