Disposal facility employees - What you need to know

# Background/Purpose

On 3 May 2024, the *Weapons Control Act 2001* (WCA) and the *Weapons Control Regulations 2001* (WCR) will be amended for prohibited weapon approvals to be issued to security, training and disposal providers and their employees to possess, carry and use Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray and Aerosol Subject Restraints (ASRs), subject to certain conditions.

# Some facts for Disposal provider employees

* The Northern Territory Police Force (NTPF) Firearms Policy and Recording Unit (FPRU) will be accepting applications for these approvals from 3 May 2024
* Disposal facilities can submit an application to dispose of OC Spray and ASRs for the purpose of supplying the OC Spray and ASRs
* Each employee approval will be linked to their employer’s approval
* Disposal facility employees must ensure that they follow correct internal processes for the disposal of OC Spray and/or ASR
* Disposal facility employees must ensure they are transporting the OC Spray and/or ASRs to the disposal facility in the approved storage receptacle
* Disposal facility employees must ensure that they are familiar with their requirements under occupational health and safety legislation with regards to handling potentially harmful substances
* Application forms are available on the Northern Territory Police website, under Firearms and Weapons Information

# What you can do to prepare

* Employees should ensure they are up to date with their internal policies and procedures for the handling of hazardous materials

# What you need to know

* The application must be over 18 years or above
* Complete a 100-point Proof of identity with supporting documentation
* A letter from your employer justifying the reason for the application
* Ensure the employer endorses the application

Applicable conditions and requirements are subject to change. For all further enquiries, please contact the Firearms Policy and Recording Unit on 08 8922 3543.