



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
MARCH 2024				
Alice Springs High Risk Area	From 3:00pm on 21 March 2024 until 3:00am on 22 March 2024.	In the previous 6 months: A violent offence was committed and more than one (1) weapon possession offence was committed	On 2 March 2024, an adult male approached and assaulted a police officer in the Alice Springs CBD. A 7cm razor blade was found concealed on his person following his arrest.	<p>The use of hand held scanners is likely to be effective to detect and deter offences involving weapons in the Alice Springs High Risk Precinct.</p> <p>This is a high pedestrian traffic area, with members of the public engaging in business and recreation activity.</p> <p>Previous operations in the Alice Springs High Risk Area have led to the detection and seizure of edged weapons.</p>
Alice Springs High Risk Area	From 3:00pm on 22 March 2024 until 3:00am on 23 March 2024.	In the previous 6 months: A violent offence was committed and more than one (1) weapon possession offence was committed	On 3 March 2024, an adult male was observed by members of the public threatening persons in the area with a machete. Police attended and located and arrested the male in	<p>The use of hand held scanners is likely to be effective to detect and deter offences involving weapons in the Alice Springs High Risk Precinct.</p> <p>This is a high pedestrian traffic area, with members of the public engaging in business and</p>

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			possession of the machete concealed on his person.	recreation activity. Previous operations in the Alice Springs High Risk Area have led to the detection and seizure of edged weapons.
Alice Springs High Risk Area	From 2:00pm on 27 March 2024 until 2:00am on 28 March 2024.	In the previous 6 months: A violent offence was committed and more than one (1) weapon possession offence was committed	On 4 March 2024, a male youth was observed in the area damaging property. Upon arrest the youth was found in possession of a concealed machete.	The use of hand held scanners is likely to be effective to detect and deter offences involving weapons in the Alice Springs High Risk Precinct. This is a high pedestrian traffic area, with members of the public engaging in business and recreation activity. Previous operations in the Alice Springs High Risk Area have led to the detection and seizure of edged weapons.

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