



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
JULY 2024				
Palmerston High Risk Area	From 2:00pm on 5 July 2024 to 2:00am on 6 July 2024	In the previous 6 months: An offence was committed by a person armed with a firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon; A violent Offence was committed; or more than one weapon possession offence was committed.	On 17 June 2024, a person, armed with a pair of scissors assaulted another in a carpark. On 14 March 2024, police responded to a person armed with a large hunting knife.	Previous operations held over recent weeks, in the same High Risk area targeting the Palmerston Markets, resulted in over 200 persons being scanned, with no controlled or prohibited weapons located. It is anticipated that overt scanning operations will continue to deter armed persons from entering the area.
Alice Springs High Risk Area	From 6:00pm on 7 July 2024 to 6:00am 8 July 2024	In the previous 6 months: An offence was committed by a person armed with a firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon; A violent Offence was committed; or more than one weapon possession offence was committed.	On 7 July 2024, police responded to a stabbing in the Alice Springs CBD. On 6 July 2024, a person was assaulted with a weapon near a licenced premises.	The use of a handheld scanner is likely to be an effective tool to detect and deter offences involving the possession of controlled or prohibited weapons in the Alice Springs High Risk precinct. There have been scanning operations conducted within the last 2 months within the Alice Springs High Risk precinct.

* Please note, the offences recorded in relation to s116KB(3)(a) are not an exhaustive representation of all offences in the area, they are only relevant incidents considered by the approving member.



<p>Casuarina High Risk Area</p>	<p>From 8:00am to 8:00 pm on 9 July 2024.</p>	<p>In the previous 6 months: An offence was committed by a person armed with a firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon; A violent Offence was committed; or more than one weapon possession offence was committed.</p>	<p>On 4 July 2024, police responded to a robbery at Casuarina Shopping Centre involving a weapon.</p> <p>On 11 May 2024, a person was located in possession of a large knife.</p>	<p>Ongoing reports to police of disturbances involving weapons, ongoing assaults and fighting within the high risk area.</p>
<p>Palmerston High Risk Area</p>	<p>From 10:00am to 10:00pm on 9 July 2024</p>	<p>In the previous 6 months: An offence was committed by a person armed with a firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon; A violent Offence was committed; or more than one weapon possession offence was committed.</p>	<p>On 17 June 2024, a person, armed with a pair of scissors assaulted another in a carpark.</p> <p>On 14 March 2024, police responded to a person armed with a large hunting knife.</p>	<p>The use of handheld scanners is likely to be effective to detect and deter weapons offences. Previous operations held over recent weeks in the same high risk area, resulted in over 300 persons being scanned, with no controlled or prohibited weapons located.</p>
<p>Katherine High Risk Area</p>	<p>From midnight to 12:00pm on 10 July 2024</p>	<p>In the previous 6 months: An offence was committed by a person armed with a firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon; A violent Offence was committed; or more than one weapon possession offence was committed.</p>	<p>On 9 July 2024, police responded to a person armed with a machete.</p>	<p>The use of a handheld scanner is likely to be an effective tool to detect and deter offences involving in the possession of controlled or prohibited weapons in the Katherine High Risk area.</p>

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Palmerston High Risk Area	From 2:00pm on 19 July 2024 to 2:00am 20 July 2024	In the previous 6 months: An offence was committed by a person armed with a firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon; A violent Offence was committed; or more than one weapon possession offence was committed.	On 17 June 2024, a person, armed with a pair of scissors assaulted another in a carpark. On 14 March 2024, police responded to a person armed with a large hunting knife.	The use of handheld scanners is likely to be effective to detect and deter weapons offences. Previous operations held over recent weeks in the same high risk area, resulted in over 300 persons being scanned, with no controlled or prohibited weapons located.
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