

‘Out-of-Control’ Events

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An out-of-control event is a gathering of minimum 12 people with at least three of them engaging in out-of-control behaviour.

Some examples of out-of-control behaviour include trespassing, damaging property, fighting, doing obscene acts, making unreasonable noise, throwing objects, obstructing traffic and being drunk in a public place.

Additionally, the conduct must cause, or be likely to cause, someone at or near the event to feel fearful of violence, to a person or property, or it interferes with peoples’ right to enjoy or access a public place.

Police can now enter any place/event without a warrant if they believe the event is, or is likely to become, out-of-control.

Police can give directions and take steps to prevent and stop the event. The event does not need to be out-of-control before police can exercise their powers.

The law targets event organisers and their parents, gate crashers and others involved.

An organiser is someone involved in arranging, hosting, advertising or promoting the event.

The maximum penalty an organiser can face if the event becomes out-of-control is \$12,100 or one year’s imprisonment.

If the organiser is under 17 years and had permission from a parent or guardian, the parent or guardian commits the offence.

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