

Surveillance Devices Regulations 1999

Compare between:

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Western Australia

Surveillance Devices Act 1998

Surveillance Devices Regulations 1999

1. Citation

These regulations may be cited as the *Surveillance Devices Regulations* 1999 ¹.

2. Commencement

These regulations come into operation on the day on which the *Surveillance Devices Act 1998* comes into operation ¹.

3. Forms

- (1) A warrant issued under section 13, 14, 17, 19 or 22 of the Act is to be in the form of Form 1 in Schedule 1, or such other form as the judge or magistrate approves.
- (2) An application for emergency authorisation under section 21 of the Act is to be in the form of Form 2 in Schedule 1, or such other form as the Commissioner of Police approves.
- (3) An emergency authorisation issued under section 21 of the Act is to be in the form of Form 3 in Schedule 1, or such other form as the authorised person issuing the authorisation approves.
- (4) An application to a magistrate for a tracking device warrant or a tracking device (maintenance/retrieval) warrant is to be in the form of Form 4 in Schedule 1, or such other form as the Commissioner of Police approves.

[Regulation 3 amended in Gazette 8 Feb 2000 p. 458; 5 May 2006 p. 1735.]

4. Law enforcement officers, classes prescribed

Fisheries For the purposes of paragraph (d) of the definition of law enforcement officer in section 3(1) of the Act, each of the following classes of persons is prescribed —

- conservation and land management officers (as defined in the Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 section 3);
- (b) forest officers (as defined in the Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 section 3);
- (c) rangers (as defined in the Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 section 3);
- wildlife officers (as defined in the Conservation and (d) Land Management Act 1984 section 3);
- inspectors (as defined in the *Environmental Protection* Act 1986 section 3(1)) who are officers or employees of a department, authority or agency of the State;
- fisheries officers (as defined in the Fish Resources Management Act 1994) section 4(1)) who are employed in the Serious Offences Unit of the Department (as As defined in section 4(1) of that Act) are a prescribed class of persons for the purposes of paragraph (d) of the definition of "law enforcement officer" in section 3(1) of the Act.).

[Regulation- 4 inserted in Gazette 23 Sep 2005 6 Jul 2010] p. 43633225.]

5. Commonwealth agencies, instrumentalities and bodies

The following Commonwealth agencies, instrumentalities and bodies are prescribed for the purposes of section 4(2) of the Act —

Australian Security Intelligence Organization continued (a) by section 6 of the Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act 1979 of the Commonwealth;

- (b) Australian Federal Police established by section 6 of the *Australian Federal Police Act 1979* of the Commonwealth;
- (c) Australian Customs Service referred to in the *Customs Act 1901* of the Commonwealth;
- (d) Australian Competition and Consumer Commission established by section 6A of the *Trade Practices*Act 1974 of the Commonwealth:
- (e) the department of the Commonwealth public service responsible for administering the *Migration Act 1958* of the Commonwealth; and
- (f) each of the armed forces of the Commonwealth.

6. Use of tracking devices without a warrant

- (1) For the purposes of section 7(2)(d) of the Act the following circumstances are prescribed, that is, where a tracking device is attached, installed, used or maintained, or caused to be attached, installed, used or maintained
 - (a) by an emergency service to locate the person who is, or object that is, the subject of a search operation;
 - (b) by the person in charge of a hospital or nursing home in relation to a vulnerable patient to enable the person in charge to locate the vulnerable patient if he or she gets lost or goes missing;
 - by the superintendent of a prison in relation to a prisoner to enable the superintendent to locate the prisoner if he or she escapes from legal custody;
 - (d) by a researcher in relation to an object the geographical location of which is relevant to research being carried out by that person;
 - (e) for the purposes of any of the following
 - (i) *Bail Act 1982* section 50L(1)(a);

- (ii) Sentence Administration Act 2003 section 30(c) or (e)(i) or 57(2)(a);
- (iii) Sentencing Act 1995 section 33H(2)(b), 75(2)(b) or 84C(2)(b);
- (iv) Young Offenders Act 1994 section 109B(1)(a) or 136B(1)(a).
- (2) For the purposes of section 7(2)(d) of the Act the following circumstance is prescribed where a person uses, or causes to be used, a tracking device in relation to an object that
 - (a) was in the person's possession or under the person's control when the device was attached or installed;
 - (b) is no longer in the person's possession or under the person's control; and
 - (c) the person reasonably believes to have been stolen.
- (3) As soon as practicable after a tracking device is attached, installed or used in relation to a vulnerable patient in circumstances described in subregulation (1)(b) the person in charge of the hospital or nursing home must give written notice of the attachment, installation or use to
 - (a) if a guardian has been appointed for the patient under the *Guardianship and Administration Act 1990*, the guardian; or
 - (b) otherwise
 - (i) the patient's next of kin; or
 - (ii) if the patient's next of kin is not known, the Public Advocate under the *Guardianship and Administration Act 1990*.
- (4) In this regulation —

emergency service means —

(a) the police force of the State or of another State or a Territory;

- (b) the Fire and Emergency Services Authority of Western Australia established by the *Fire and Emergency Services Authority of Western Australia Act 1998* or an equivalent authority of another State or a Territory; or
- (c) a voluntary or community rescue organisation;

hospital has the same meaning as in the Hospitals and Health Services Act 1927;

nursing home means a facility at which an approved provider (as defined in the *Aged Care Act 1997* of the Commonwealth) provides residential care (as defined in that Act);

prison has the same meaning as in the Prisons Act 1981;

researcher means —

- (a) a member of the staff of, or a student at, a school, college, university or other educational or training institution; or
- (b) a member of the staff of, or person working for, a government agency, instrumentality or body;

superintendent has the same meaning as in the *Prisons Act 1981*;

vulnerable patient means a hospital patient or nursing home resident who, in the opinion of the person in charge of the hospital or nursing home —

- (a) is likely, due to illness, lack of awareness or other incapacity, to leave the hospital or nursing home without having due regard to his or her health and safety;
- (b) being under a legal obligation to remain in the hospital or nursing home, is likely to attempt to leave; or
- (c) is likely to be taken away from the hospital or nursing home without the consent of the patient or the person in charge.

[Regulation 6 amended in Gazette 21 Sep 2007 p. 4734.]

7. Storage and destruction of Part 5 records

- (1) The Commissioner of Police, the Corruption and Crime Commission, a designated Commission and the Australian Crime Commission must
 - keep every Part 5 record in a secure place in accordance with section 41(1)(a) of the Act as if it were a record obtained under a warrant; and
 - (b) destroy a Part 5 record when it would be required to do so under section 41(1)(b) of the Act if the Part 5 record were a record obtained under a warrant.
- The Commissioner of Police, the Corruption and Crime (2) Commission, a designated Commission and the Australian Crime Commission must keep such records concerning Part 5 records as are necessary to enable documents and information to be identified and obligations under this Act to be complied with.
- (3) In this regulation —

Part 5 record means a record or report delivered to the police force, the Corruption and Crime Commission, a designated Commission or the Australian Crime Commission in accordance with an order under section 31(3)(b) of the Act.

[Regulation 7 amended by No. 74 of 2004 s. 73(2); amended in Gazette 5 May 2006 p. 1736; 21 Sep 2007 p. 4735.]

8. **Annual reports**

- (1) The information relating to applications for warrants and extensions of warrants required by section 43 of the Act to be contained in an annual report is to include the number of such applications that were —
 - (a) withdrawn;
 - (b) made by the applicant on behalf of another law enforcement officer; and
 - made by means other than filing a written application at (c) the court.

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(2) The information relating to applications for emergency authorisations required by section 43 of the Act to be contained in an annual report is to include the number of such applications that were withdrawn.

8A. Reports by designated Commission

The information relating to applications for warrants, extensions of warrants and emergency authorisations included in a report under section 43A of the Act may include information of the kind described in regulation 8.

[Regulation 8A inserted in Gazette 21 Sep 2007 p. 4735.]

9. Unlawful possession of surveillance information

- (1) A person who is unlawfully in possession of surveillance information commits an offence.
 - Penalty: \$5 000.
- (2) It is lawful for a person to be in possession of surveillance information only if
 - (a) the person is a law enforcement officer and has possession of the surveillance information in the course of his or her duty;
 - (b) the person is assisting a law enforcement officer in the exercise of the officer's duty and has possession of the surveillance information in the course of providing that assistance;
 - (c) the surveillance information was obtained in accordance with Part 5 of the Act; or
 - (d) the surveillance information was obtained by the person
 - (i) from a person who was lawfully in possession of that information; and
 - (ii) in circumstances where the publication or communication of the surveillance information to

the person was not an offence under section 9 of the Act.

(3) In this regulation —

> surveillance information means a report or record of a private conversation or private activity of a person, or of the geographical location of a person or object, that was obtained, directly or indirectly, through the use of a surveillance device.

Schedule 1 — Forms

[r. 3]

	[1, 3]
Form	Section of Act
Warrant	13, 14, 17, 19 and 22
Application for emergency authorisation	21
Emergency authorisation	21
 Application for — tracking device warrant tracking device (maintenance/retrieval) warrant 	15 and 19
	Warrant Application for emergency authorisation Emergency authorisation Application for — • tracking device warrant • tracking device (maintenance/retrieval)

Surveillance Devices Act 1998, s. 13, 14, 17, 19 and 22	☐ Supreme Court judge
Warrant	☐ Magistrate At

	Strike out any parts of this form that are not applicable			
Person to whom warrant is issued	Name ☐ Member of police force ☐ Officer of the Corruption and Crime Commission ☐ Officer of a designated Commission ☐ Member of staff of Australian Crime Commission ☐ Warrant issued on behalf of another law enforcement officer (Name)			
Person, object or premises under surveillance	Person Unknown person Object Premises			
Offence	Offence Act or Regulations Section or regulation no.			
Authority to use surveillance device	This warrant authorises you — to attach or install, use, maintain and retrieve a — listening device optical surveillance device tracking device in relation to a tracking device attached to, or installed in, a vehicle, to — maintain the device retrieve the device maintain and retrieve the device maintain and retrieve the device to retrieve a — listening device optical surveillance device tracking device attached or installed under an emergency authorisation The surveillance device may be attached or installed, used or maintained — in, on or at the premises under surveillance in or on the object under surveillance in respect of the private conversations, private activities or geographical location of the person under surveillance, at premises where the person is reasonably believed to be or is likely to be			

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	☐ Where practicable the surveillance device should be retrieved or			
	rendered inoperable during the period that the warrant is in force			
Authority to	This warrant authorises you to enter, by force if necessary —			
enter premises	☐ (specified premises)			
•				
	any premises where the object or person under surveillance is			
	reasonably believed to be or is likely to be and any premises			
	adjoining or providing access to those premises any premises where the vehicle on or in which the device is			
	any premises where the vehicle on or in which the device is attached or installed may for the time being be			
	any premises where the surveillance device to be retrieved may			
	for the time being be			
Authority to	☐ This warrant authorises you to connect the surveillance device to an			
use electricity	electricity supply system and to use electricity from that system to operate			
supply	the device			
Authority to	☐ This warrant authorises you to temporarily remove this vehicle from			
remove vehicle	this premises for the purpose of —			
Temove venicie	attaching			
	☐ maintaining ☐ retrieving			
	a tracking device			
	Vehicle			
	Premises			
	You must return the vehicle to the premises when the device has been			
	attached, installed, maintained or retrieved			
Period of	/			
warrant	The warrant may be used at any time of the day or night			
Conditions	This warrant is subject to these conditions			
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Issue of	Signature			
warrant				
		Judge / Magistrate		
	Data		Time	

[Form amended by No. 74 of 2004 s. 73(3); amended in Gazette 5 May 2006 p. 1736; 21 Sep 2007 p. 4735.]

Surveillance Devices Act 1998, s. 21

Application for emergency authorisation

Application	ii for emergency authorisation		
	Strike out any parts of this form that are not applicable		
Applicant	Name		
	Business address		
	Postcode		
	Phone no.		
	Member of police force		
	Officer of the Corruption and Crime Commission		
	Officer of a designated Commission		
	☐ Member of staff of Australian Crime Commission		
D 11 4			
Person, object	Person		
or premises	Unknown person		
under	Object		
surveillance	□ Premises		
Action for	Authorisation is required to —		
which	☐ attach or install ☐ use ☐ maintain		
authorisation	a listening device to record, monitor, or listen to a private		
is required	conversation		
•	an optical surveillance device to record visually or observe		
	a private activity		
	a tracking device to determine the geographical location of a		
	person or object		
	in relation to the —		
	premises under surveillance		
	object under surveillance		
	person under surveillance		
	retrieve —		
	a listening device		
	a nisening device an optical surveillance device		
	a tracking device		
	a decing defice		
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Grounds	Imminent threat		
	☐ Threat of serious violence to a person		
	Name		
	☐ Threat of substantial damage to property		
	Description		

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Grounds cont.	Offence		
	☐ Indictable drug offence		
	Relevant section of Misuse of Drugs Act 1981 —		
	\Box 6(1) \Box 7(1) \Box 33(1)(a) \Box 33(2)(a)		
	☐ External indictable drug offence		
	External law		
	Corresponding section of <i>Misuse of Drugs Act 1981</i> —		
	\Box 6(1) \Box 7(1) \Box 33(1)(a) \Box 33(2)(a)		
	☐ Offence punishable by 2 or more years imprisonment		
	Offence		
	Relevant Act		
	section		
	The offence —		
	☐ has been committed ☐ may have been committed		
	☐ is being committed ☐ is about to be committed		
	is likely to be committed		
	Date offence committed or expected to be committed		
	The use of the surveillance device is immediately necessary for the		
	purpose of —		
	dealing with the threat		
	☐ investigating the offence		
	☐ enabling evidence to be obtained of —		
	☐ the commission of the offence		
	☐ the identity of the offender		
	☐ the location of the offender		
	These factors make the circumstances serious		
	These factors make the matter urgent		
	7		
	Reasons an application under section 15 or 16 for a warrant is not		
	practicable		

Retrieval to avoid jeopardizing investigation of drug offence Grounds cont. Indictable drug offence Relevant section of Misuse of Drugs Act 1981 — **□** 6(1) **7**(1) **□** 33(1)(a) **□** 33(2)(a) External indictable drug offence External law: _ Corresponding section of Misuse of Drugs Act 1981 — \Box 6(1) \Box 7(1) **□** 33(1)(a) $\square 33(2)(a)$ These factors make the circumstances serious These factors make the matter urgent _ Reasons an application under section 22 for a warrant is not practicable_ **Entry to** Entry, by force if necessary, is required to premises (specified premises) _ any premises where the object or person under surveillance is reasonably believed to be or is likely to be and any premises adjoining or providing access to those premises Authorisation is required to connect the surveillance device to an Use of electricity supply system and use electricity from that system to operate electricity the device supply Removal of Authorisation is required to temporarily remove a vehicle from a vehicle premises for the purpose of attaching installing maintaining retrieving a tracking device Vehicle Premises Period of Period for which authorisation is required _ days Reason this period is required_ authorisation Signature of Date applicant

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[Form amended by No. 74 of 2004 s. 73(3); amended in Gazette 5 May 2006 p. 1736; 21 Sep 2007 p. 4735.]

Surveillance Devices Act 1998, s. 21

Emergency authorisation

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Authorised	Name		
person	☐ Commissioner of Police		
	☐ Deputy Commissioner of Police		
	☐ Assistant Commissioner of Police		
	Officer of the Corruption and Crime Commission		
	☐ Officer of a designated Commission		
	Person authorised by Chair of Board of Australian Crime		
	Commission		
Person to	Name		
whom	☐ Member of the police force		
authorisation is	Officer of the Corruption and Crime Commission		
issued	 Officer of a designated Commission 		
	☐ Member of staff of Australian Crime Commission		
Person, object	□ Person		
or premises	Unknown person		
under	Object		
surveillance	□ Premises	•	
•			
Authorisation	This authorisation authorises you to —		
to use	attach or install use maintain		
surveillance	☐ a listening device to record, monitor, or listen to a private		
device		conversation	
	☐ an optical surveillance device to record visually or observe a		
	private activity		
	a tracking device to determine the geographical location of a		
	person or object		
	in relation to the —		
	premises under surveillance		
	object under surveillance		
	person under surveillance		
	retrieve —		
	a listening device		
	an optical surveillance device		
	a tracking device		

Authority to	Entry, by force if necessary, is required to —		
enter premises	☐ (specified premises)		
	(specifical picturises)		
	any premises where the object or person under surveillance is		
	reasonably believed to be or is likely to be and any premises		
	adjoining or providing access to those premises		
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Authority to	☐ This authorisation authorises you to connect the surveillance		
use electricity	device to an electricity supply system and to use electricity from that		
supply	system to operate the device.		
Authority to	☐ This authorisation authorises you to temporarily remove this		
remove vehicle	vehicle from this premises for the purpose of —		
Temove venicle			
	☐ attaching ☐ installing		
	☐ maintaining ☐ retrieving		
	a tracking device		
	Vehicle		
	Premises		
	Tromises		
	We are the standard and		
	You must return the vehicle to the premises when the device has been		
	attached, installed, maintained or retrieved		
Period of	/to		
authorisation	The authorisation may be used at any time of the day or night		
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Conditions	This authorisation is subject to these conditions		
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Authorised	Signature		
person(s)			
	Date Time		
	Signature		
	Date Time		

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[Form amended by No. 74 of 2004 s. 73(3) and (4); amended in Gazette 5 May 2006 p. 1736; 21 Sep 2007 p. 4735.]

Surveillance Devices Act 1998, s. 15 and 19

Application for —

- tracking device warrant
- tracking device (maintenance/retrieval) warrant

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Applicant	Name		
	Business address		
	Postcode		
	Phone no.		
	☐ Member of police force		
	 Officer of the Corruption and Crime Commission 		
	 Officer of a designated Commission 		
	☐ Member of staff of Australian Crime Commission		
	☐ Application is made on behalf of another law enforcement officer		
	(Name)		
D	a Power ()		
Person, object	Person (see note 1)		
or premises under	☐ Unknown person		
surveillance	Object		
sui veinance	Premises		
Nature of	☐ Tracking device warrant (s. 13)		
warrant	☐ Tracking device (maintenance/retrieval) warrant (s. 14) to —		
	☐ maintain a tracking device		
	☐ retrieve a tracking device		
	maintain and retrieve a tracking device		
	☐ New warrant ☐ Extension of current warrant		
Period of	Period for which warrant is requireddays		
warrant	Reason this period is required		

Grounds Tracking device warrant (s. 13) Offence Act or Regulations Section or regulation no. The offence — has been committed may have been committed is being committed is about to be committed is likely to be committed Date offence committed or expected to be committed The use of a surveillance device would be likely to assist an investigation into the offence enable evidence to be obtained of the commission of the offence the identity of the offender the location of the offender Tracking device (maintenance/retrieval) warrant (s. 14) Vehicle Location when device installed_ Current location Person who installed device Member of police force Officer of the Corruption and Crime Commission Officer of a designated Commission Member of staff of Australian Crime Commission Member of prescribed class of persons Specify class _ Entry to Entry, by force if necessary, is required to premises (specified premises) any premises where the object or person under surveillance is reasonably believed to be or is likely to be and any premises adjoining or providing access to those premises any premises where the vehicle on or in which the device is

attached or installed may for the time being be

any premises where the surveillance device to be retrieved

may for the time being be

Use of electricity supply	☐ Authority is required to connect the surveillance device to an electricity supply system and use electricity from that system to operate the device				
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Removal of vehicle		•	nporarily ren	nove a vehicle from a	
venicie	l	the purpose of —	_	111	
	0	attaching		installing	
		maintaining		retrieving	
	a tracking de	evice			
	Vehicle				
	Premises				
	•				
Signature of applicant				Date	

Note 1 — Identification of person under surveillance

The person under surveillance may be identified by a numerical reference identifying the relevant law enforcement agency and the year in which the application is made. For example —WAPS 1/1999 (for the first application in 1999 by a member of the WA police force)

Note 2 — Lodging of Application for warrant

The application is to be lodged with the magistrate.

An application must be accompanied by —

- an "Authorisation of surveillance"; and
- an affidavit containing a "Statement of facts in support of application for warrant" in accordance with Surveillance Devices Act 1998, s. 15(3)(a), (b), (c) and (f).

An application should also be accompanied by a draft warrant in the form of the warrant being sought.

> [Form inserted in Gazette 8 Feb 2000 p. 458-60; amended in Gazette 5 May 2006 p. 1736; amended by No. 74 of 2004 s. 73(3); 21 Sep 2007 p. 4735.]

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Notes

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Compilation table

Citation	Gazettal	Commencement
Surveillance Devices Regulations 1999	18 Nov 1999 p. 5767-86	22 Nov 1999 (see r. 2 and Gazette 22 Nov 1999 p. 5843)
Surveillance Devices Amendment Regulations 1999	8 Feb 2000 p. 457-60	8 Feb 2000
Australian Crime Commission (Western Act 2004 s. 73 assented to 8 Dec 2004	(Australia	1 Feb 2005 (see s. 2 and <i>Gazette</i> 31 Dec 2004 p. 7130)
Surveillance Devices Amendment Regulations 2005	23 Sep 2005 p. 4363	23 Sep 2005
Surveillance Devices Amendment Regulations 2006	5 May 2006 p. 1735-6	5 May 2006
Reprint 1: The Surveillance Devices Regulations 1999 as at 15 Dec 2006 (includes amendments listed above)		
Surveillance Devices Amendment Regulations 2007	21 Sep 2007 p. 4734-5	r. 1 and 2: 21 Sep 2007 (see-r. 2(a));
		Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 22 Sep 2007 (see r. 2(b))
Surveillance Devices Amendment Regulations 2010	6 Jul 2010 p. 3224-5	r. 1 and 2: 6 Jul 2010 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2:

7 Jul 2010 (see r. 2(b))