

# **Surveillance Devices Regulations 1999**

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#### Western Australia

Surveillance Devices Act-1998

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### 1. Citation

These regulations may be cited as the *Surveillance Devices* Regulations  $1999^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

#### 2. Commencement

These regulations come into operation on the day on which the *Surveillance Devices Act- 1998* comes into operation<sup>1</sup>.

### 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 <u>Judgejudge</u> or <u>Magistrate magistrate</u> approves.
- (2) An application for emergency authorization 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 <u>authorization</u> 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

Fisheries officers (as defined in the *Fish Resources Management Act 1994*) employed in the Serious Offences Unit of the Department (as defined in 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 p. 4363.]

## 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 —

- (a) Australian Security Intelligence Organization continued 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;
  - (c) 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; or
  - (e) for the purposes of section\_32(1)(b), 52(2)(a) or 62(2)(a) of the *Sentence Administration Act-1995*.
- (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

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- (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.

## 7. Storage and destruction of Part 5 records

- (1) The Commissioner of Police, the Corruption and Crime Commission and the Australian Crime Commission must
  - (a) 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.
- (2) The Commissioner of Police, the Corruption and Crime 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 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.]

# 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
  - (c) made by means other than filing a written application at the court.
- (2) The information relating to applications for emergency authorizations authorizations 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.

## 9. Unlawful possession of surveillance information

(1) A person who is unlawfully in possession of surveillance information commits an offence.

Penalty: \$5-000.

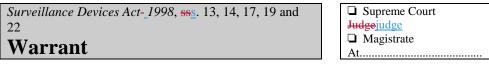
- (2) It is lawful for a person to be in possession of surveillance information only if
  - (a) the person is a law enforcement officer and has possession of the surveillance information in the course of his or her duty;
  - (b) the person is assisting a law enforcement officer in the exercise of the 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]
No.	Form	Section of Act
1	Warrant	13, 14, 17, 19 and 22
2	Application for emergency authorization authorisation	21
3	Emergency authorization authorisation	21
4	<ul> <li>Application for —</li> <li>tracking device warrant</li> <li>tracking device (maintenance/retrieval) warrant</li> </ul>	15 and 19



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Person to	Name	
whom warrant	■ Member of police force	
is issued	Officer of the Corruption and Crime Commission	
	■ Member of staff of Australian Crime Commission	
	■ Warrant issued on behalf of another law enforcement officer	
	(Name)	
Person, object	Person	
or premises	■ Unknown person	
under	<b>⊒</b> Object	
surveillance	Premises	
	-	
Offence	Offence	
	Act or Regulations	
	Section or regulation no	

Authority to	This warrant authorizes authorises you —
use	to attach or install, use, maintain and retrieve a —
surveillance	listening device
device	optical surveillance device
uevice	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
	to retrieve a —
	listening device
	optical surveillance device
	□ tracking device
	attached or installed under an emergency
	authorization 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
	Where practicable the surveillance device should be retrieved or
	rendered inoperable during the period that the warrant is in force
Authority to	This warrant authorizes authorises you to enter, by force if necessary —
enter premises	(specified premises)
chter premises	(-F
	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
Authority to	This warrant authorizes authorises you to connect the surveillance
use electricity	device to an electricity supply system and to use electricity from that system
•	to operate the device
supply	to operate the device
Authority to	This warrant authorises you to temporarily remove this vehicle from
remove vehicle	this premises for the purpose of —
remove venicie	☐ attaching ☐ installing
	maintaining retrieving
	a tracking device
	u uuchiig device

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Authority to	This warrant authorizes you to temporarily remove this vehicle from
remove vehicle	this premises for the purpose of —
	attaching installing maintaining retrieving
	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	/to/, beingdays
warrant	The warrant may be used at any time of the day or night
	· · · · ·
C 1'4'	This warment is subject to these conditions
Conditions	This warrant is subject to these conditions
Issue of	Signature
warrant	
	Judge / Magistrate
	Date Time

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

Surveillance Devices Act-1998, s.-21

Application for emergency

authorization

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Applicant	Name
	Business address
	Postcode
	Phone no.
	■ Member of police force
	■ Officer of the Corruption and Crime Commission
	☐ Member of -staff of Australian Crime Commission
Person, object	□ Person
or premises	■ Unknown person
under	<b>⊒</b> Object
surveillance	Premises
Action for	Authorization Authorisation is required to —
which	attach or install use use maintain

Action for	Authorization Authorisation is required to —		
which	■ attach or install ■ use ■ maintain		
authorizationa	a listening device to record, monitor, or listen to a private		
<u>uthorisation</u>	conversation		
is required	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		

Grounds	Imminent threat	
	☐ Threat of serious violence to a person	
	Name	
	■ Threat of substantial damage to property	
	Description	

Grounds cont.	Offence		
	■ Indictable drug offence		
	Relevant section of Misuse of Drugs Act-1981 —		
	$\bigcirc$ 6(1) $\bigcirc$ 7(1) $\bigcirc$ 33(1)(a) $\bigcirc$ 33(2)(a)		
	☐ External indictable drug offence		
	External law		
	Corresponding section of Misuse of Drugs Act-1981 —		
	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		
	These factors make the matter digent		
	Reasons an application under section15 or 16 for a warrant is not practicable		

Grounds cont.	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 —		
	These factors make the circumstances serious		
	These factors make the circumstances serious		
	These factors make the matter urgent		
	These factors make the matter trigent		
	Reasons an application under section_22 for a warrant is not practicable_		
	reasons an appreciation ander 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		
Use of	Authorization Authorisation is required to connect the		
electricity	surveillance device to an electricity supply system and use electricity		
supply	from that system to operate the device		
D 1.6	And refer to the And refer to the manning day and an extent		
Removal of	Authorization Authorisation is required to temporarily remove a vehicle from a premises for the purpose of —		
vehicle	attaching installing		
	maintaining retrieving		
	a tracking device		
	Vehicle		
	Premises		
	riemises		
Period of	Period for which authorization authorisation is required		
authorizationa	days		
uthorisation	Reason this period is required		
	1 1		
Signature of			
annlicant	Date		

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

Surveillance Devices Act-1998, s.-21

Emergency

authorization authorisatio
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<b>Authorized Aut</b>	Name	
horised person	■ Commissioner of Police	
	■ Deputy Commissioner of Police	
	☐ Assistant Commissioner of Police	
	Officer of the Corruption and Crime Commission	
	Person authorized authorised by-Chair of Board of Australian	
	Crime	
	Commission	

Person to	Name
whom	■ Member of the police force
authorization <u>a</u>	■ Officer of the Corruption and Crime Commission
uthorisation is	■ Member of -staff of Australian Crime Commission
issued	

Person, object	Person	
or premises	■ Unknown person	
under	<b>⊒</b> Object	
surveillance	Premises	

Authorization	This authorization authorizaeauthorization authorizaea you to					
	This authorization authorizes authorisation authorises you to —					
<b>Authorisation</b>	attach or install use maintain					
to use	■ a listening device to record, monitor, or listen to a private					
surveillance	conversation					
device	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						
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					
	adjoining of providing access to mose premises					
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Authority to	Entry, by force if necessary, is required to —					
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					
	adjoining of providing access to those profitions					
Authority to	This authorization authorizes authorisation authorises you to					
use electricity						
•	connect the surveillance device to an electricity supply system and to					
supply	use electricity from that system to operate the device.					
Authority to	This authorization authorizes authorisation authorises you to					
remove vehicle	temporarily remove this vehicle from this premises for the purpose					
	of—					
	□ attaching □ installing					
	maintaining retrieving					
	a tracking device					
	Vehicle					

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Premises\_ You must return the vehicle to the premises when the device has been attached, installed, maintained or retrieved Period of being authorizationa The authorization may be used at any time of the day or uthorisation night Conditions This authorization authorisation is subject to these conditions **Authorized Aut** Signature **horised** person(s) Date Time Signature

Date

Time

Surveillance Devices Act 1998, ss. 15 and 19

# **Application for**—

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

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

# Surveillance Devices Act 1998, s. 15 and 19

# **Application for** —

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

Applicant	Name		
	Business address		
	Postcode		
	Phone no.		
	■ Member of police force		
	■ Officer of the Corruption and Crime Commission		
	■ Member of -staff of Australian Crime Commission		
	Application is made on behalf of another law enforcement offi (Name)		
Person, object	Person (see note 1)		
or premises	☐ Unknown person		
under	□ Object		
surveillance	<b>⊒</b> Premises		
Nature of	Tracking device warrant (s13)		
warrant	Tracking device (maintenance/retrieval) warrant (s14) to —		
	□ maintain a tracking device		
	□ retrieve a tracking device		
	maintain and retrieve a tracking device		
	New warrant		
	Excelsion of eartest warrant		
	Period for which warrant is requireddays		
Period of	Period for which warrant is requiredday		

Grounds	Tracking device warrant (s13)			
	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 (s14)			
	Vehicle			
	Location when device installed			
	Current location			
	Person who installed device			
	■ Member of police force			
	Officer of the Corruption and Crime Commission			
	■ Member of staff of National Australian Crime			
	Authority Commission			
	■ Member of prescribed class of persons			
	Specify class			
Entry to	Entry, by force if necessary, is required to —			
premises	(specified premises)			
Premises	(specified prefitises)			

Entry to premises	Entry, by force if necessary, is required to —  [ 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 system and use electricity from that system to operate the device

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 magistrate.

An application must be accompanied by —

- an "Authorization 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.

[Schedule 1-Form inserted in Gazette 8 Feb 2000 p. 458-60; amended in Gazette 8 Feb 2000 p. 458-60; 5 May 2006 p. 1736; amended by No. 74 of 2004 s. 73(3) and (4).]

## **Notes**

This <u>reprint</u> is a compilation <u>as at 15 December 2006</u> of the *Surveillance Devices Regulations*-1999 and includes the amendments made by the other written laws referred to in the following table. <u>The table also contains information about any reprint.</u>

# **Compilation table**

Citation	Gazettal	Commencement
Surveillance Devices Regulations 1999	18-Nov-1999 p. <del>5769-</del> <u>5767-</u> 86	22 Nov 1999 (see r. 2 and <i>Gazette</i> 22-Nov 1999 p. 5843)
Surveillance Devices Amendment Regulations 1999	8Feb 2000 p. 45760	8Feb2000
Australian Crime Commission (Western Australia) Act 2004 s. 73 assented onto 8 Dec 2004		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