

# **Surveillance Devices Regulations 1999**

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Surveillance Devices Act 1998

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#### 1. Citation

These regulations may be cited as the *Surveillance Devices Regulations* 1999 <sup>1</sup>.

### 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 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

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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 any of the following
    - (i) Bail Act 1982 section 3250L(1)(b), 52(2)(a) or 62(2)(a) of the );
    - (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
  - (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, 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
  - (c) made by means other than filing a written application at the court.
- (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.

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# Schedule 1 — Forms

[r. 3]

		[1. 3]
No.	Form	Section of Act
1	Warrant	13, 14, 17, 19 and 22
2	Application for emergency authorisation	21
3	Emergency authorisation	21
4	<ul> <li>Application for —</li> <li>tracking device warrant</li> <li>tracking device (maintenance/retrieval) warrant</li> </ul>	15 and 19

Surveillance Devi	ces 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	Name	
whom warrant	☐ Member of police force	
is issued	<ul> <li>Officer of the Corruption and Crime Commission</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Officer of a designated Commission</li> </ul>	
	☐ Member of staff of Australian Crime Commission	
	☐ Warrant issued on behalf of another law enforcement officer	
	(Name)	
Person, object	Person	
or premises	Unknown person  Object	
under	Object Premises	
surveillance	La Tiennises	
Offence	Offence	
	Act or Regulations	
	Section or regulation no.	
Authority to	This warrant 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 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	

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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
	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 the device
supply	the device
Authority to	This warrant authorises you to temporarily remove this vehicle from
remove vehicle	this premises for the purpose of —  attaching  installing
	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 _/, being days
warrant	The warrant may be used at any time of the day or night
Conditions	This warrant is subject to these conditions
Conditions	

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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; 21 Sep 2007 p. 4735.]

Surveillance Devices Act 1998, s. 21

Application	n 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
	<ul> <li>Officer of the Corruption and Crime Commission</li> </ul>
	Officer of a designated Commission
	☐ Member of staff of Australian Crime Commission
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 nstering device  an optical surveillance device
	a tracking 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 —
	$\Box 6(1)$ $\Box 7(1)$ $\Box 33(1)(a)$ $\Box 33(2)(a)$
	☐ External indictable drug offence
	External law
	Corresponding section of Misuse of Drugs Act 1981 —
	$\Box$ 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
	<ul><li>enabling evidence to be obtained of —</li><li>the commission of the offence</li></ul>
	the identity of the offender
	the location of the offender
	These factors make the circumstances serious
	These factors make the circumstances serious
	These factors make the matter urgent
	111000 11100010 1111110 1110 110 11
	Reasons an application under section 15 or 16 for a warrant is not
	practicable

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C1	Retrieval to avoid jeopardizing investigation of drug offence
Grounds cont.	☐ 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 Misuse of Drugs Act 1981 —
	$\Box$ 6(1) $\Box$ 7(1) $\Box$ 33(1)(a) $\Box$ 33(2)(a)
	These factors make the circumstances serious
	These featons make the matter viscosit
	These factors make the matter urgent
	Reasons an application under section 22 for a warrant is not practicable_
	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
Time of	Authorisation is required to connect the surveillance device to an
Use of	Authorisation is required to connect the surveillance device to an electricity supply system and use electricity from that system to operate
electricity	the device
supply	the device
Removal of	Authorisation is required to temporarily remove a vehicle from a
vehicle	premises for the purpose of —
, 5111010	□ attaching □ installing
	☐ maintaining ☐ retrieving
	a tracking device
	Vehicle
	Premises
D	Desired Complicate and a signature in the signature in th
Period of	Period for which authorisation is requireddays
authorisation	Reason this period is required
Signature of	
annlicant	Date

[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**

Strike out any parts of this form that are not applicable

	Strike out any parts of this form that are not applicable
Authorised	Name
person	☐ Commissioner of Police
F	□ Deputy Commissioner of Police
	☐ Assistant Commissioner of Police
	<ul> <li>Officer of the Corruption and Crime Commission</li> </ul>
	Officer of a designated Commission
	☐ Person authorised by Chair of Board of Australian Crime
	Commission
	Commission
Person to	Name
whom	Member of the police force
authorisation is	<ul> <li>Officer of the Corruption and Crime Commission</li> </ul>
issued	Officer of a designated Commission
issucu	☐ Member of staff of Australian Crime Commission
	Member of staff of Australian Crime Commission
Person, object	□ Person
or premises under	Unknown person
	☐ Object ☐ Premises
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
uevice	****
	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

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a tracking device

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Authority to	Entry, by force if necessary, is required to —		
enter premises	☐ (specified premises)		
	\1 \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \		
	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		
	aujoining of providing access to those premises		
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.		
Supply	system to operate the device.		
Authority to	This authorisation authorises you to temporarily remove this		
Authority to remove vehicle	☐ This authorisation authorises you to temporarily remove this vehicle from this premises for the purpose of —		
Temove venicie			
	☐ attaching ☐ installing		
	☐ 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		
authorisation	The authorisation may be used at any time of the day or night		
Conditions	This authorisation is subject to these conditions		
Conditions	This addition is subject to diese conditions		
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

Strike out any parts of	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		
	☐ Application is made on behalf of another law enforcement officer		
	(Name)		
Person, object	☐ Person (see note 1)		
or premises	□ Unknown person		
under	D Object		
surveillance	□ Premises		
	D Flemises		
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		
	Date in the state of the state		
Period of	Period for which warrant is requireddays		
warrant	Reason this period is required		

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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		
	<ul><li>enable evidence to be obtained of —</li></ul>		
	☐ 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		

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may for the time being be

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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				
Removal of vehicle		r the purpose of — attaching maintaining	mporarily rer	nove a vehicle from a installing retrieving	
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 <i>Gazette</i> 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	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	
<b>Reprint 1: The </b> <i>Surveillance Devices II</i> (includes amendments listed above)	Regulations 199	9 as at 15 Dec 2006	
<u>Surveillance Devices Amendment</u> <u>Regulations 2007</u>	21 Sep 2007 p. 4734-5	<u>r. 1 and 2: 21 Sep 2007 (see r. 2(a));</u>	
		Regulations other than r. 1 and 2	