



Being intoxicated in public is no longer a crime

Police cannot arrest you, lock you up or fine you just because you are intoxicated in public

Police can...

- Help you contact a friend or relative.
- Help you access support from an Aboriginal health response team with your consent, get to a place of safety, or go to a sobering centre if there is one available.
- Respond to calls from the public or approach a person who is intoxicated in public while they are on patrol.
- Police still have powers to question, arrest and detain you for other reasons. They can also issue a 'move on' direction.

Where can I get legal help?

If you are arrested, fined, or issued with a summons or notice to appear you should **speak to a lawyer**.

Mob can call VALS on **1800 064 865** to speak to a lawyer for free.

If you are in **police custody** you can ask to speak with the VALS' Custody Notification Service. If you are intoxicated while you are in custody it is important that you tell police and VALS so we can make sure you are safe.

Where can I get help if I am intoxicated in public?

If you or someone else needs **urgent medical care** you should call an ambulance on **000**.

You may be able to access over-the-phone support from VAHS by calling **000** and telling the operator you or someone you are with is intoxicated in public.

If you need legal help you can call VALS on 1800 064 856 for a yarn

