

Worried About Warrants?



What is a warrant?

A warrant is a court document which gives the police (or sometimes somebody else) the power to do things like:

- arrest you and take you to a court
- search you, your car, where you live
- take and keep your things found in a search
- put you in jail

A warrant from interstate can apply in the NT.

When there might be a warrant?

- Not turning up at court
- Not paying a fine

If you get an infringement notice (fine) from court or police and you don't pay it, the FRU can make an enforcement order. Enforcement orders can suspend your license or car registration or require you to do a community work order. If you keep ignoring enforcement orders to do community work, a warrant might be issued to take you to jail.

Ring up and find out



How can I find out if there is a warrant?

You will need to provide your name and date of birth to find out if there is a warrant. There are different ways that you can find out if there is a warrant.

1. Get legal advice and ask the lawyer to find out if there is a warrant
2. Go to the court or ring the court and ask if there is a warrant
3. Go to the police station or ask your local police but if there is a warrant they might arrest you straight away

If you find out there is a warrant for your arrest, you should talk to a lawyer and get legal advice as soon as possible about what to do. Your lawyer might advise you to go to court and ask the magistrate to stop the warrant and give you bail so you don't get locked up.

Search Warrants

If the police think someone is breaking the law where you live or work they may get a warrant which lets them search places. This is called a search warrant. Sometimes police can search your house or your car without a warrant.

What do I do if the police come with a warrant?

- Read the warrant or ask the police to read it to you.
- Make sure that it is your name, address and date of birth on the warrant.
- Be polite to the police.
- If police ask you, you have to give your name and address but you don't have to say anything else unless you want to.
- Call a lawyer as soon as you can for legal advice.

Get help to ring up



1800 636 079



How do I get help from a legal service?

NT Legal Aid Commission has offices in Tennant Creek and Alice Springs. Call **89515377** or **Freecall 1800 019 343**



Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service has offices in Tennant Creek and Alice Springs. **Freecall 1800 636 079**



North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency has offices in Darwin **Freecall 1800 898 251**, Katherine **Freecall 1800 897 728** and Nhulunbuy **Freecall 1800 022 823**

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