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# ALCOHOL IN DARWIN WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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## Welcome to Darwin.

To make your stay as enjoyable as possible, we have certain measures in place to help reduce alcohol related harm in parts of our city.

These are called public restricted (dry) areas and the rules for them apply to everyone.

Drinking alcohol in these areas is banned and attracts penalties.

### Where are the Public Restricted Areas?

In Darwin, the declared public restricted areas include the Esplanade in the Darwin CBD and

parts of Nightcliff, Rapid Creek and Coconut Grove.

These areas are identified with signs, to make clear where no drinking is allowed.

You can still drink on the Nightcliff foreshore between Aralia Street and Chapman Road. The public may drink there from:

- Monday to Friday, 4pm to 10:30pm
- Weekends and public holidays, 12 noon to 10:30pm.

You can still drink in homes, private properties, pubs, clubs, restaurants and some special community events.

## Penalties

The penalties for consuming alcohol in a dry area without a special event permit are:

- confiscation or 'tip-out' of alcohol by police
- on the spot fine of \$100, or
- a fine of \$500 if the matter goes to court
- a possible ban from drinking.

The introduction of public restricted areas is just one of many initiatives to tackle alcohol related anti-social behaviour in Darwin, and is aimed at improving the great quality of life in the Darwin region.

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While you're here please respect our ways.



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