

# The “Northbridge Curfew”

## What is the Curfew?

The Curfew is a state government strategy that restricts access to Northbridge for children and young people.

## Where does the curfew apply?

The Curfew applies to a specific geographic area defined as the Northbridge Precinct. The area defined as the Northbridge Precinct is the area bounded by Roe Street to the south, Beaufort Street to the east, Newcastle Street to the north, the Mitchell Freeway to the west, and including William Street up to Brisbane Street.

## Who does the Curfew apply to?

Children under 12 years of age cannot be in the Northbridge Precinct without their parent or guardian after dark.

Young people aged 13 to 15 years, cannot be in the Northbridge Precinct without their parent or guardian after 10.00 pm.

## In what other circumstances can young people be denied access to the Northbridge Precinct?

Young people and children, deemed by the Police or Department for Child Protection (DCP) officers, to be misbehaving, to be engaging in substance abuse or affected by substances, or who are begging will be removed from the Northbridge Precinct.

## How will young people be removed?

Children and young people will either be directed to leave the Northbridge Precinct or alternatively, the Police or DCP officers may physically remove them, and take them into care.

## What can I do if I think I have been unfairly treated?

If you feel that the Police or DCP officers have treated you unfairly, please ask a lawyer for advice.

## What happens if I am placed under arrest?

Don't resist; don't be abusive; don't be violent.

Ask if you are being arrested and, if so, what is the charge. You must give your name, address and date of birth. Do not give false information. You do not have to say anything else or sign anything.

If you are under 18 years of age ask for a parent or responsible adult to be called.

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**Important:** This general information is not the same as legal advice. You should speak with a lawyer about your situation.



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