

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005  
(WA)**

Section 67, 70 and 71

**THE OLD FIRE STATION BACKPACKERS CLOSURE DIRECTIONS**

The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic on 11 March 2020.

On 15 March 2020, the Minister for Emergency Services declared a state of emergency with effect from 12 am on 16 March 2020 in respect of the pandemic caused by COVID-19 pursuant to section 56 of the *Emergency Management Act 2005* (WA) (**Act**). The state of emergency applies to the State of Western Australia.

I, Christopher John Dawson, Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator, now give the following directions, pursuant to my powers under sections 67, 70 and 71 of the Act.

**PREAMBLE**

1. The purpose of these directions is to temporarily close the **Old Fire Station Backpackers** in order to prevent, control or abate the risks associated with the emergency presented by the pandemic caused by COVID-19 and to otherwise limit the spread of COVID-19.

**COMMENCEMENT**

2. These directions come into effect upon signing.

**CITATION**

3. These directions may be referred to as the Old Fire Station Backpackers Closure Directions.

**DIRECTIONS**

4. The owner, operator or person apparently in charge of the **premises** must close that place to the public until otherwise directed by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose.
5. A person must not enter the premises unless:
  - (a) that person is a member of staff of the premises who is at the premises at the commencement of these directions; or

- (b) the person's presence at the premises is required for the purposes of emergency management or law enforcement; or
- (c) the person's presence at the premises is for the purposes of supplying or providing goods or services that are necessary for the care of persons present at the premises; or
- (d) otherwise approved by a **relevant officer**.

## **AUTHORISATION**


6. Any **police officer** acting at or above the rank of Commander is authorised to otherwise direct the owner, occupier or person apparently in charge of the premises under paragraph 4 of these directions.

## **DEFINITIONS**

7. **Authorised officer** has the same meaning that it has in the Act.
8. **Emergency officer** has the same meaning that it has in the *Public Health Act 2016* (WA).
9. **Relevant officer** means:
  - (a) an authorised officer; or
  - (b) an **emergency officer**; or
  - (c) a **responsible officer**.
10. **Responsible officer** means:
  - (a) an officer, employee or contractor of the Department of Health; or
  - (b) an officer, employee or contractor of a health services provider; or
  - (c) any other person authorised by the Chief Health Officer orally or in writing to perform a function for the purposes of these directions.
11. **Premises** means the Old Fire Station Backpackers at 18 Phillimore Street, Fremantle, WA, 6160.

## **PENALTIES**

It may be an offence to fail to comply with any of these directions, punishable by imprisonment for up to 12 months or a fine of up to \$50,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for bodies corporate.



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**Christopher John Dawson**

Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator

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