



Fact Sheet

What can police do with my grog?

The laws about where police can search for grog and when police can take grog away from you have been changed. Some of these new laws are not very clear. If police do something you feel is wrong or unfair, call NAAJA and talk to a lawyer. The lawyer can talk to you about whether the police have done something wrong.

1. If police tell you that you can't drink in a certain area, ask the police to show you where the boundary is for the area where you can drink. *If you want to check this, call NAAJA.*
2. Police should not wait out the front of a bottle shop to take grog away from you. Keep the receipts you get when you buy grog. *If you aren't drinking grog and you aren't drunk but the police take grog away from you outside a bottle shop, call NAAJA.*
3. Police should not tip out your unopened containers of grog. *If the police do this, call NAAJA.*
4. Only a female police officer should search a woman. Men should not search women. *If a female is searched by a man, call NAAJA.*
5. Police have to have a good reason to come into your house and look for grog. *If you don't think the police had a good reason to come into your house, call NAAJA.*
6. The police should treat Aboriginal people the same as non-Aboriginal people. *If you think police are taking grog off you but they aren't taking grog off white people in the same area, call NAAJA.*
7. If you have been drinking outside the community and come back to your house without grog, NAAJA thinks police should not lock you up for being drunk in your own house. *If police come into your house and take you away because you are drunk, call NAAJA.*
8. If police lock you up because you are drunk, they cannot ask you questions about a crime or say that you broke the law. They cannot take your photo. *If the police do this, call NAAJA.*

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To get legal advice you need to speak with a lawyer. You can contact a lawyer at NAAJA to get legal advice.

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