



AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

# Crime Prevention Powers Act 1998

No. 21 of 1998

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## An Act relating to crime prevention

[Notified in ACT Gazette S190: 10 July 1998]

The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Crime Prevention Powers Act 1998*.

**2. Commencement**

This Act commences on the day on which it is notified in the *Gazette*.

**3. Interpretation**

In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

“public place” means any street, road, public park or reserve or any building, premises or other place which the public are entitled to use or which is open to, or used by, the public, whether on payment of money or otherwise;

“violent conduct” means—

- (a) violence to, or intimidation of, a person; or
- (b) damage to property.

**4. Move-on powers**

(1) Where a police officer has reasonable grounds for believing that a person in a public place has engaged, or is likely to engage, in violent conduct in that place, the police officer may direct the person to leave the vicinity.

(2) A person shall not, without reasonable excuse, contravene a direction given in accordance with subsection (1).

Penalty: 2 penalty units.

(3) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply in relation to a person who, whether in the company of other persons or not, is—

- (a) picketing a place of employment;
- (b) demonstrating or protesting about a particular matter; or
- (c) speaking, bearing or otherwise identifying with a banner, placard or sign or otherwise behaving in a way that is apparently intended to publicise the person's view about a particular matter.

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**NOTE**

**Penalty units**

See section 33AA of the *Interpretation Act 1967*.

*[Presentation speech made in Assembly on 20 May 1998]*