

Police firearms

When can firearms be carried?

A constabulary employee may carry firearms:

- when their perceived cumulative assessment of a situation or the immediate operating environment is that it is in, or likely to escalate to be within, the death/grievous bodily harm range as specified by the Tactical Options Framework in the Use of Force overview
(An example of the 'immediate operating environment' presenting a heightened perceived cumulative assessment of death or GBH could be that a suspect is known to be at large, has not been contained, and is believed to:
 - *be armed (or have access to weapons); and*
 - *present a risk of death or GBH to members (including Police) of our communities)*
- when on duty as a member of:
 - the Armed Offenders Squad or Special Tactics Group
 - Protection Services as authorised by the supervisor of that squad
- when performing:
 - airport duties at any airport that is 'security designated' under the Civil Aviation Act 1990
 - the role of escorts and guards for people carrying valuables as authorised by a District Commander
- to destroy animals in circumstances set out in the Animals chapter
- for training purposes.

From time to time a Police employee at the level of Inspector or above can authorise **routine carriage** of firearms with the following considerations:

Step Consideration

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| 1 | On the basis of an assessment of a specific risk (verbal instruction) or;
A coordinated pre-planned operation (operation order) |
| 2 | Must be for a specific time frame |
| 3 | Continuously reviewed to ensure the threat still exists |
| 4 | Communicated to all staff in the operating environment including oncoming shifts |

5 Must advise District Commander, DCC, and Comms

6 Must specify roles and conditions of carriage specific to the threat
