

# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)

## Section 71

### CLOSURE OF CERTAIN PLACES OF BUSINESS, WORSHIP AND ENTERTAINMENT 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 a.m. 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 as a police officer under section 71 of the Act.

#### DIRECTIONS

##### Preamble

1. The purpose of these directions is to limit the spread of COVID-19.

##### Citation

2. These directions may be referred to as the **Closure of Certain Places of Business, Worship and Entertainment Directions**.

##### Directions

3. Every owner, occupier or person apparently in charge of an **affected place** must close that place to the public for a period commencing at 12 noon on 23 March 2020 and ending at midnight on 13 April 2020.

*Note: A person to whom these directions apply must also comply with any other directions, including but not limited to the Mass Gatherings Directions (No 2).*

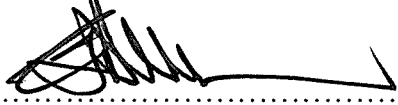
##### Definitions

4. **Affected place** means any one of the following, whether operated on a profit or not-for-profit basis:

- (a) a business characterised as a pub, bar or club that supplies alcohol under a licence granted under the *Liquor Control Act 1988* (WA), but not including any part of the business constituted by a **bottleshop**;
  - (b) a hotel, whether licensed or unlicensed, but not:
    - (i) to the extent that it provides accommodation, takeaway meals or drinks or a meal delivery service; or
    - (ii) any part of the hotel constituted by a bottleshop;
  - (c) a gym;
  - (d) an indoor sporting centre;
  - (e) a **casino**;
  - (f) a cinema or nightclub;
  - (g) an entertainment venue of any other kind;
  - (h) a restaurant or café, other than to the extent that it provides takeaway meals or drinks or a meal delivery service;
  - (i) a **place of worship**, other than for the purposes of a wedding or funeral.
5. **Bottleshop** means an area physically attached or adjacent to the premises of a business characterised as a pub, bar or club referred to in paragraph 4(a), or a hotel referred to in paragraph 4(b), that is for the sale of packaged alcohol to be consumed off the premises of the pub, bar, club or hotel.
6. **Casino** has the same meaning as in the *Casino Control Act 1984* (WA).
7. **Place of worship** means premises used for religious activities such as a chapel, church, mosque, synagogue or temple.

**PENALTIES**

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

  
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**Christopher John Dawson**  
 State Emergency Coordinator and Commissioner of Police

23 March 2020

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