



Talkin' about *LAW*

An Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service (QLD) project



KEEP YA COOL!



In this day and age of heightened awareness of terrorism, making threats can get you in trouble and it doesn't matter if you're only letting off steam, voicing your frustrations or joking around.

Anyone who makes threats to cause damage to lives, property or government agencies either by phone, text message, in person, email or writing will be subject to a serious police investigation.

For instance it's a serious offence to make threats through the use of explosive devices. It's also an offence to make a statement to another person that is false but causes people to fear for their safety, like a bomb hoax. There are further serious penalties involved if you make a threat while waiting at an airport or joke that you have put an explosive device on a plane.



Even if you thought of playing a trick on someone; like leaving an unmarked package on their doorstep or mailbox that leads them to believe that an explosive device has been delivered to their home, is serious and will cause you to be investigated by the police. Offences of this nature carry lengthy periods of imprisonment if convicted.

REMEMBER: Think before you do or say anything that may be interpreted as intimidating, threatening or suggesting to people to think that you are planning on using an explosive device.

ANGER MANAGEMENT

Anger is a normal emotion. If it's expressed in a harmful way it can lead to health or legal consequences. Here are some simple tips to help you handle and express your anger in a healthy way.

1. Make a list of things that can trigger your anger
2. Notice the body's signs of anger e.g. tense jaw, sweating, gritting teeth
3. Control your thinking through "self-talk"
4. Take time out
5. Use distraction
6. Use relaxation

Ask your doctor for a referral to a psychologist if you feel your anger is out of control.

> About the project

Talkin' About Law is a community legal education project aimed at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in Queensland.

Its purpose is to provide general legal advice on criminal and civil matters affecting Indigenous Queenslanders and promote the services provided by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service throughout the state.



Tracklist

1. Pawning Goods
2. Working rights of minors
3. Hiring a taxi
4. Keep ya cool!
5. Missing persons

PAWNING GOODS

NEED SOME EXTRA CASH? Now and then we all feel the pinch of not having enough money for living. When that happens you can explore the option of pawning or converting something of value that you own into cash. But what are your legal rights and responsibilities when it comes to pawning goods for cash loans?

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- You must be over the age of 17 years
- Carry ID
- The good belongs solely to you
- Read the contract
- Pay off the loan in the agreed period or re-negotiate an extension if needed
- Ensure the pawnbroker or second-hand dealer is licensed

DON'TS

- Don't pawn stolen or fraudulently obtained goods
- Don't pawn goods for someone else
- Don't sign a contract without reading it. If you have trouble reading, take along someone you trust to assist you

Where to get help?

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service
Fair Trading 13 13 04 or 13QGOV (13 74 68)

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QUICK TIPS ON USING TAXI SERVICES



- Hiring a taxi is a privilege not a right
- Make sure you have enough money to pay the fare. Fare evasion can lead to heavy penalties and appearances in court
- If you get sick in the taxi, the driver has the right to charge you a fee on top of the fare to pay for cleaning costs
- In some circumstances the taxi driver has the right to ask you to show you have the means to pay for a fare before the journey begins e.g. if you're travelling an extraordinary distance or its late at night
- If you feel a taxi driver has treated you unfairly or with prejudice you can issue a formal complaint. You have the right to ask for the driver's name and vehicle number. Keep a written account of what occurred

> Directory of Offices

Beenleigh (Regional Office)

Address Suite 11B, 101A Main Street, Beenleigh 4207
Telephone (07) 3804 5033 Facsimile (07) 3804 5202

Palm Island (Satellite Office)

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Brisbane (Head Office)

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Rockhampton (Regional Office)

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