



STREET LAW

Factsheet 11: Public Urination

It is illegal to urinate in a public place.

If you do, you could be fined up to **\$1500**.

Are any defences available?

It is an excuse to urinating in public if it is for a '**sudden or extraordinary emergency**'. This means if you urinate in public in response to circumstances of sudden or extraordinary emergency you won't be liable for the offence. A sudden or extraordinary emergency includes circumstances where you believe that committing the offence is the only reasonable way to deal with the emergency, and it turns out that it was a reasonable response.

This argument won't work if it simply wasn't convenient or easy for you to find a public toilet at the time.