



### Fact Sheet 11: Public Urination

It is illegal to urinate in a public place that is not a toilet.

If you do, you could be fined up to **\$1600**.

#### 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 will not work if it simply was not convenient or easy for you to find a public toilet at the time.