

Specialist Filming Vehicles at Contained and Non Contained Filming Sites – Victoria Police Role

Contained vs Non Contained Site

Generally speaking, a '**contained site**' is a public road or road related area that has been contained utilising traffic management control points. Ordinary vehicular traffic is not permitted to enter the site except when afforded access by private traffic management personnel (stop and hold).

A '**non-contained**' site would include the escort of a tracking vehicle or low loader, (or other specialist filming vehicle as designated by VicRoads) as it travels along a defined route where ordinary traffic has not been excluded while rigged for or in the process of filming.

Role of Victoria Police

Subject to the road authorities' requirements, Victoria Police may oversee/assist private traffic management at a contained site. Where police are required, traffic management plans should be forwarded to Victoria Police (Film and Television Office) to assist police in preparing a Filming Event Action Plan and conducting a risk assessment. Victoria Police will **not** apply for a non-road activity permit (see below), the responsibility for this lies with the production company.

All Non Contained Sites involving specialist filming vehicles on public roads require police escort. Traffic management plans must be submitted to the Film and Television Office.

Non Road Activity Permits

A 'non-road activity' in accordance with the *Road Safety Act, Section 99B* is defined as any activity conducted on a road that significantly interferes with the normal use of the road by road users. Example: A non-road activity would include the use of a road for filming, a bicycle event, a street festival or a street market. As per the *Act*, a road authority ie: VicRoads, Councils, may issue a permit to a person to conduct a non road activity on a highway or road. A non-road activity permit will contain any terms, conditions and limitations which the road authority considers appropriate.

How Many Police Will I Need?

The Film and Television Office conducts a thorough risk assessment of the proposed filming location/route. This assessment will determine the number of police resources required and will be solely determined by Film and Television Office Staff. The minimum number of police attending is two as per Victoria Police Policy.

How do I apply?

Complete the Application for Police Resources Form and forward it to film.tv@police.vic.gov.au

Applications need to include an accurate diagram(s) (Traffic Management Plan) of intended location/route(s) including any static private traffic management points.

For advice on traffic management and location requirements contact the Film and Television Office on 9247 3259, 9247 6191 or 9247 5266. Please note - the Victoria Police Film & Television Office is closed on weekends.

Time Frame

Applications for Police Resources should be received at least 28 days prior to the event. Any applications received after this will be considered but the likelihood of securing police resources may be reduced.

Fees and Charges

The use of police resources for non-core policing activities such as filming, unless exceptional circumstances exist, attracts fees and charges (see attached fee schedule). A minimum four-hour call-out fee for each assigned police member, as per the current Fees & Charges Schedule applies. Cancellation of police resources, including weather hold days, may attract a 4 hour call out fee for each member.

In every case Victoria Police will have total control of and responsibility for all traffic management. Failing to comply with Victoria Police directions during filming may result in the withdrawal of police services, any filming permit rendered null and void and possible charges being laid. A minimum four hour call-out fee will also apply.