

Guidelines for Filming, Photography & Drones in Alice Springs



A Public Places Permit is required if the activity will breach, or likely will breach, one or more of the by-laws within the *Alice Springs (Management of Public Places) By-laws 2009*.

Is a Permit Required?

1. Activity Not Requiring a Permit:

A minimal impact on public resources and residents of Alice Springs as per the following criteria:

- No more than 6 personnel including cast and crew.
- Filming equipment is hand-held and not more than 1 tripod.
- Filming does not impede the activities of motorists, pedestrians, residents, businesses, traders or any other events being held in the vicinity.
- Does not require the sole use of a public place.

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2. Activity that will Require a Permit/s:

There will be an impact on public resources, and on the residents of Alice Springs, through the use of extensive equipment, crew, and vehicles. **Various permits will be required**, depending on the impact.

If the production activity requires the sole use of a Public Place and will obstruct access by members of the public to that area, **will require a Public Places Permit**. Requiring the sole use of a Public Place means the production would like to book an area to set up and film in.

If the production activity varies the normal operating conditions of any part of the Alice Springs Town Council Road Reserve. A Road Reserve is any part of an area from the fence/boundary line of a property to the opposite fence/boundary line. This means the verge, road, and footpath are considered part of a road reserve. **A Traffic Management Plan is required.**

3. Drone (RPA) for any Activity will Require a Permit:

If a **drone** is going to be deployed from a public place and/or land in a public place, **a permit must be obtained** for all public places impacted *regardless of the size of the activity*.

All CASA documentation will be required for this permit.

Drone Class	Drone Registration	ARN	RPA	RePL	ReOC
Micro 250 gr or less	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A
Very Small > 250 gr no more than 2 kg	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A
Small > 2 kg no more than 25 kg	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Medium > 25 kg no more than 150 kg	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Large > 150 kg	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

ReOC does not allow you to operate an RPA. To operate an RPA, you must hire a licensed remote pilot or have a RePL yourself.

4. Sporting Ovals for any Activity:

Filming on **Sporting Ovals**, please contact The Alice Springs Town Council.

The Alice Springs Town Council must consider sporting bodies and their scheduled training and matches.

Other Considerations

Filming in the Todd River:

Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation is the custodian of Alice Springs. If an activity is going to take place in the Todd River then permission must be sought from Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation:

<https://www.lhereartepe.org.au>

Sacred Objects and Land:

Please be mindful of sacred objects and land around Alice Springs. For more information please go to Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority if you require information about this: <https://www.aapant.org.au>

NT Government Roads/Parks:

For roads that are not under the jurisdiction of the Alice Springs Town Council, please contact the NT Government for more information and what permits they would require for filming/photography/drone usage on their below listed road reserves: <https://nt.gov.au/driving/management/road-reserves-advertising-and-activities>

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| - Undoolya Road | - Stott Terrace |
| - Sadadeen Road until the turn onto Spearwood Road | - Ross Highway |
| - Larapinta Drive | - Stuart Highway |
| - Stephens Road until turn into The Links | |

The Telegraph Station, Desert Park, and Botanical Gardens (Olive Pink) do not fall under the jurisdiction of the Alice Springs Town Council. Please contact the NT Government.

For more information on filming in the NT see Screen Territory: <https://screenterritory.nt.gov.au/>

Other Events and Private Land:

Filming/Photography/Drone Usage during another event requires written permission from the permit holder for that event. Written permission must be attached to the application form.

Filming /Photography/Drone usage on private land requires permission from the private land owner/management but does not require a permit from us.

Flynn Church Lawns in Todd Mall (Joint Jurisdiction): Flynn Church Lawns requires written permission from the Alice Springs Uniting Church to be attached to the application admin@aliceunitingchurch.org.au

Need More Information?

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further assistance:

- By email to – astc@astc.nt.gov.au
- Call (08) 8950 0500 and ask for the Ranger Unit.
- In person to – Civic Centre Reception, 93 Todd Street, Alice Springs, NT 0870