



COMMISSIONER INSTRUCTION 01/2024

Authorisation to carry and use chemical agents within ACT Courts precinct.

As of **Monday, 04 March 2024**, Court Transport Unit (CTU) Officers are authorised to carry and use chemical agents within the ACT Courts precinct.

Use of chemical agents within the ACT Courts precinct must be conducted in line with the [Use of Chemical Agents Policy](#) and [Use of Force and Restraint Policy](#) and associated operating procedures.

Until the below named policies are revised and updated, this Commissioner's Instruction replaces:

- The part of section 5.8 of the [Use of Chemical Agents Policy](#), which states "chemical agents must not be deployed in the ACT Courts courtroom" and
- Section 1.6 of the [Use of Chemical Agents – Court Transport Unit Operating Procedure](#) which states "Chemical agents must not be worn or used in court rooms. Chemical agents must not be used in any areas of the court precinct other than custodial controlled areas. This includes courtrooms and any area accessed by the general public."

This instruction applies to the whole of the ACT Courts precinct, including both the ACT Magistrates Court and ACT Supreme Court areas.

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