



VICTORIA POLICE

Victoria Police Fees and Charges

Overview

Victoria Police provides support to significant events across the State of Victoria, assisting in the planning and coordination of the operational management of these events to provide a safe, secure and orderly experience for participants, employees and the public. Victoria Police works collaboratively with event organisers to ensure event management plans are in place with as little need as possible for police resources.

The Chief Commissioner of Police, in accordance with the [Victoria Police \(Fees and Charges\) Regulations 2024](#), may impose charges for police and police services at events that are commercial in nature. This includes but is not limited to personnel, planning and specialist resources. The Regulations are issued under the [Victoria Police Act 2013](#). Victoria Police also routinely provide services to non commercial events, such as non profit and charity events.

Police charges are calculated to recover no more than the resourcing costs actually incurred in supplying the service. The User Pays (Event Management) Revenue falls under a net appropriation agreement between the Treasurer and the Minister for Police, pursuant to section 29 of the [Financial Management Act 1994](#).

A schedule of the [current fees and charges](#) is routinely updated, noting they are increased each year in accordance with increases in the value of penalty units declared annually by the Treasurer

Event organiser responsibilities

Event organisers have a responsibility to provide adequate measures to ensure the safety of event participants, spectators and the general public. Victoria Police has a responsibility to preserve the peace, and to detect and prevent offences.

While event organisers may request police and police services at their event, Victoria Police will ultimately decide if the event requires police and police services and will determine the level of resourcing required.

Police resourcing at events

Within Victoria Police, the State Event Planning Unit (SEPU) is responsible for the overall planning and coordination of the operational management of police resources at significant events. Police resources may be required before, during or after an event to:

- maintain public order and uphold the law;
- manage pedestrian or vehicle traffic that has built up as a direct result of an event;
- provide support as part of emergency management arrangements; and
- maintain service delivery to attendees at that event.

When police resources are requested by the event organiser or Victoria Police identifies a need to allocate resources to an event, these resources will only be provided if:

- there is a demonstrable operational risk, the risk cannot be reasonably mitigated by the event organiser and the use of police powers or resources is required; or
- the community or government has an overriding expectation that police will attend.

In working with an event organiser to determine whether it is necessary to allocate police resources before, during or after an event, an assessment of the requirement for police resources will depend on the:

- nature of the event;
- location;
- assessment of event threats and risks;
- the impact on the host community;
- size of anticipated crowds;
- provisions made by the event organiser for security, parking, liquor licencing, facilities at the event, and traffic management; and
- predicted impact on police resourcing.

Personnel and resources deployed at events can include, but are not limited to, police and Protective Services Officers (PSOs), police animals, and assets such as police buses, helicopters and other vehicles.

Victoria Police conducts a thorough risk assessment ahead of each event and considers both the internal and external footprint of an event when evaluating what police resources will need to be utilised, as well as to identify any possible risks to event participants and community safety. Victoria Police conducts these risks assessments and provides a subsequent assessment of resources, including associated costs, to the organisers in advance (when Victoria Police has been engaged ahead of an event taking place).

As a general rule, Victoria Police considers these risks for the whole of a major event footprint and surrounding vicinity, which in some circumstances would include resourcing to provide safety for event participants walking to a venue/stadium (when in close proximity to the event location). This resourcing, along with police deployment to assist with traffic management on the outer perimeter of the event will be charged as for **1 January 2025**, but is often only required at certain events and is assessed on a case-by-case basis and is rarely required for the duration of an entire event.

Where police services are necessary to ensure safety at an event, Victoria Police will provide the event organiser with a quote of estimated costs. Once the estimate of costs has been conveyed to the event organiser, both the event organiser and Victoria Police will sign a costs agreement. The event organiser will then receive an invoice with payment terms outlined.

Absent an agreement, the Chief Commissioner of Police has the power under the Regulations to impose and enforce costs for the provision of Victoria Police services.

Event planning

Victoria Police's role in planning for support at events includes:

- undertaking a risk assessment;
- assessing the need for police assistance; and
- organising the resources and equipment required to allow for safe events.

Planning fees will be able to be charged for as of **1 January 2025**, when fees for PSO deployment, drones and an extended event footprint outside a venue will also commence. As the Regulations have now commenced (as of 18 June 2024), estimated costs for planning will be quoted for where possible on the invoice for event organiser awareness, but not charged for until on or after 1 January 2025.

Competing demands for Victoria Police services means that resources must be carefully managed to meet ongoing policing priorities to keep the community safe, as well as providing support at events.

If an affray, protest, or demonstration breaks out at or near an event, Victoria Police will deploy members for community safety and event organisers will not be charged. The management of demonstrations or protests falls within a business-as-usual function for Victoria Police.

When planning an event, organisers must notify Victoria Police no less than 12 weeks before the proposed date of their event. In circumstances where events are organised less than 12 weeks ahead of the event's commencement, event organisers must notify Victoria Police as soon as possible to allow for adequate time for planning and resourcing considerations.

Event organisers must contact either the State Event Planning Unit at Victoria Police via STATEEVENTS OIC@police.vic.gov.au@police.vic.gov.au or inform their local police station. The event organiser will then be contacted by a member of Victoria Police personnel in the planning unit or the host region in the planning stage.

Additionally, event organisers are responsible for all required council applications and adhering to local permits and council regulations. This includes [highway permit and collection applications](#) if an event organiser wishes to conduct a foot or bike race or similar on Victorian roads, including rolling road closures or collecting money from vehicles on a public road at an intersection. Event organisers can obtain relevant event management plan templates from the council or shire where the event will be held, which address safety at the event and should be provided to Victoria Police with the event request.

Further information can be found at the Victoria Police Events [website](#).

Waiver eligibility

Waivers may be granted when an event organiser can demonstrate that there is a threat to the viability of the event proceeding (or the event will operate at a loss) if police charges are imposed. Event organisers may also apply for fees to be waived when an event is of benefit to the Victorian community, strengthens social cohesion or enhances community resilience.

Waiver determinations are specific to each event and rest on the merits of the application. Supporting documentation for a waiver application should include:

- copies of the articles of association (constitution) of the organisation;
- copies of the organisation's audited accounts;
- the financial plan of the event; and
- additional supporting documents of relevance.

Further information regarding the Victoria Police Waiver Guidelines and waiver applications can be found at the [website](#).