

What is a restricted access area?

A restricted access area is a designated area within an incident area which authorised persons can enter for a period of time and for a specific purpose.

What is a restricted access permit?

A restricted access permit may be granted for valid reasons, such as residents, business owners or utility companies inspecting vital assets and property inside a restricted access area.

Restricted access permits are issued with specific conditions, such as the address authorised to visit, how long the permit is valid for and whether the permit holder can re-enter the area.

The permit can be a sticker to be placed on a vehicles' windscreen or a paper permit. The permit must be shown at vehicle control points along with a current identity document.

What is a vehicle control point?

Vehicle control points are locations near restricted access areas that allow permit holders entry to the area once their permit and identification have been validated. Restricted access area permits specify which vehicle control point the permit holder can enter the area through.

Where can I get a restricted access permit?

Restricted access permits are issued once the Incident Controller deems it safe for persons to enter a restricted access area.

Once deemed safe, a restricted access permit issuing unit is established in a suitable location, generally in a local community area.

To find out the location of the issuing unit for a specific incident, you will need to monitor the alerts and warnings issued by DFES.

Due to ever changing conditions and resource requirements during incidents, issuing restricted access permits may temporarily stop and your patience is appreciated in these situations.

Who can apply for a restricted access permit?

Permits may be issued to residents, business owners, utility companies or other approved persons to:

- enable them to activate their emergency plan;
- collect valuables and/or pets;
- transport various commodities such as milk, water, stock feed and store supplies;
- tend to livestock; or
- undertake other approved activities.

What documentation do I need to apply for a restricted access permit?

To be issued with a restricted access permit you must provide:

- valid identity documents that show the property address within the restricted access area. This can be in the form of a current drivers licence or other personal identity documents, such as a passport, along with proof of the affected address;
- vehicle details, including the make, model, colour and registration number; and
- your contact details.

If representing an organisation, you must provide your agency identification as well as contact and vehicle details.

What conditions apply to restricted access permits?

Permits may contain conditions to ensure the permit holders safety in the restricted access area. The conditions could include:

- time restrictions;
- speed restrictions;
- illumination of headlight requirements;
- access entry and exit points; and
- re-entry conditions.

Why was I denied a restricted access permit?

Restricted access permits may not be issued if the area you want to access has not been deemed safe for entry or you do not:

- meet the required criteria;
- have the necessary identification or contact details; or
- have sufficient access to communications, such as a mobile phone or radio that fire and emergency services can contact you on while you are inside the restricted access area.

What happens if I am denied a restricted access permit?

If you have been denied a restricted access area permit, you can make another permit request with the necessary information and documentation for your application to be reassessed.

What are the risks of entering a restricted access area?

Areas impacted by an incident can present many hazards to the community. Restricted access areas may have:

- fallen or falling trees;
- toxic or hazardous materials;
- energised power lines;
- fire or smoke; and
- stray animals.

It is the permit holder's responsibility to monitor the community alerts and warnings while in the restricted access area.

Where can I find more information?

For more information about restricted access permits visit:



www.dfes.wa.gov.au/permits

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www.emergency.wa.gov.au



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To keep the community safe during and after emergencies, roads and access routes may be closed until the area is deemed safe.

