



YOUR RIGHTS AS A CITIZEN

Criminal Investigation Act 2006
- Sect 24

24 . Prevention of offences and violence

(1) Any person (the citizen) may use any force that is reasonably necessary in the circumstances to prevent —

(a) the continuance of an act being done by a person in his or her presence —

(i) that involves the use of violence against a person; or

(ii) that the citizen reasonably suspects will cause a person to use violence against another person; or

(iii) that the citizen reasonably suspects will cause a person to fear violence will be used by a person against another person;

or

(b) an act by a person that the citizen reasonably suspects is just about to be done in his or her presence that is likely —

(i) to involve the use of violence against a person; or

(ii) to cause a person to use violence against another person; or

(iii) to cause a person to fear violence will be used by a person against another person;

or

(c) any other breach of the peace by a person; or

(d) the commission of an offence; or

(e) the doing of any act that the citizen reasonably suspects will be done in the course of committing an offence.

(2) Subsection (1) does not authorise the entry of any place or vehicle.

(3) If a person reasonably suspects that the unlawful killing of a person is occurring in a place or vehicle, the person, without a warrant, may enter it in order to prevent the unlawful killing.