



YOUR RIGHTS AS A CITIZEN

Criminal Investigation Act 2006
- Sect 25

25. Citizen's arrest

- (1) In this section — arrestable offence means an offence the statutory penalty for which is or includes imprisonment.
- (2) Any person may arrest another person (the suspect) if he or she reasonably suspects that the suspect has committed or is committing an arrestable offence.
- (3) Any person may arrest another person (the suspect) who is doing or about to do an act that the person is entitled to prevent under section 24(1)(a), (b) or (c).
- (4) A person is not entitled, by reason only of subsection (2) or (3), to enter a place or vehicle where the person suspects the suspect is.
- (5) A person who arrests a suspect under subsection (2) or (3) must as soon as practicable —
 - (a) arrange for a police officer to attend; or
 - (b) take the suspect and any thing relevant to the offence to a police officer.
- (6) For the purpose of complying with subsection (5), a person may detain the suspect until the police officer attends or until the suspect is taken to a police officer.
- (7) When a police officer attends or the suspect is taken to a police officer —
 - (a) the officer may arrest the suspect if, under section 128 or an arrest warrant, the officer is authorised to arrest the suspect; but
 - (b) if the officer does not arrest the suspect, the suspect ceases to be under arrest.

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