



No glass, know your limits, watch out for your mates this New Year's Eve

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With more than one million people expected in Sydney this Friday, NSW Police are working towards a safe New Year's Eve.

Operation 'Arch', headed by Assistant Commissioner Mark Murdoch, will oversee the deployment of thousands of police officers throughout the city and metropolitan area tasked with ensuring a safe and enjoyable event.

"There are three key messages for New Year's Eve revellers: no glass, know your limits, and look out for your mates," Assistant Commissioner Murdoch said.

"NSW Police wish everyone a safe and happy New Year and we ask that people embrace the spirit of the year's celebration theme: 'Make Your Mark'.

"It is a positive reminder that our actions leave lasting impressions. So don't start the New Year by leaving the wrong impression," Assistant Commissioner Murdoch said.

Operation ARCH consists of large numbers of police deployed across NSW, with a focus on the metropolitan area. It will involve general duties officers, plain clothes police, Water Police, Highway Patrol, Public Order and Riot Squad, Mounted Police, Dog Squad and Commuter Crime officers.

More than 2600 police will be on patrol across the metropolitan area, with the vast majority of officers in the city CBD patrolling the harbour and beachside locations, as well as all public transport hubs throughout the night.

"Operation Arch is all about keeping people safe. Alcohol and glass restrictions are not about spoiling fun, they are about everyone safely enjoying the night.

"I encourage people to plan their night and check available guides and websites for information concerning alcohol-free zones and other entry requirements to venues."

Detailed venue information is available at websites such as www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au or www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au

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“Police have been working with councils, licensees and other stakeholders to ensure people can enjoy the evening in a safe and secure environment. Police are not there to ruin fun. Some people ruin their own night and the night of others by not knowing their limits, by not looking after their mates or by not behaving responsibly.

“Staying safe is all about common sense and personal responsibility,” Assistant Commissioner Murdoch said.

There will be road closures in place within the city CBD. For special event traffic information and live traffic reports people should visit the RTA website at www.rta.nsw.gov.au

Visit www.131500.com.au or call 131500 for the latest timetable and ticketing information for trains busses and ferries.

People are encouraged to use public transport, leave unnecessary valuables at home and keep personal belongings close by.

“Remember consuming alcohol on public transport is not permitted, police and Railcorp transit officers will target anyone drinking alcohol on trains, buses or ferries,” Assistant Commissioner Murdoch said.

“If you do drive anywhere remember there will be large numbers of pedestrians, some of whom could be affected by alcohol.

“For those planning festivities on the water extra caution should be taken and make sure appropriate and safety equipment is available.

“Finally, like any other major event police want locals and visitors to enjoy NYE in a safe, secure environment, without the fear of being subjected to anti-social behaviour or alcohol-related crime. If you act illegally or irresponsibly you will be arrested,” Assistant Commissioner Murdoch said.

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