

These rules apply from 30 March 2020 to 29 June 2020. The rules might change. If you have any questions you should call us on 8713 6725

<p style="text-align: center;">MOVEMENT</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GATHERINGS (remember that you should still be 1.5 metres apart)</p>
<p>You can't leave your home without a reasonable excuse.</p> <p>A reasonable excuse includes the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Going shopping for food or other things you need or going shopping for someone else who can't shop themselves. 2. Going to the doctor 3. Looking after someone who needs care or help 4. Dropping off or picking up children from childcare 5. Dropping off or picking up children from school, but only if the child cannot study at home 6. Going to school, university or college, if you can't do your classes from home 7. Travelling to work, if you can't work from home 8. Exercising 9. Going to a wedding 10. Going to a funeral 11. Moving to a new house 12. Donating blood 13. Doing something the law is making you do, like going to court 14. Going to Centrelink, or RMS, or any other public service including a bank, or to use a domestic violence service 15. If you're a member of a religious order—going to the church or mosque or going to see a person to provide care 16. Avoiding harm or injury or illness 17. For any emergencies or compassionate reasons 	<p>There is a two person rule which means you can't be with or gather with more than one other person in public except if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You work together 2. You live together 3. You are going to school, university or college or a childcare centre 4. You are at a wedding (but you can't have more than 5 people there) 5. You are at a funeral (but you can't have more than 10 people plus the people who are running the funeral service) 6. You are moving to a new house, or your business is moving 7. You are providing care or assistance to a vulnerable person 8. You are going to court or doing something else that the law requires you to do. 9. You are at a supermarket or a shop 10. You are walking through a space, like a shopping mall 11. You are on a train, or a bus, or at a train station or an airport 12. You are at a hospital or visiting someone in jail.

Can I go and visit my girlfriend or boyfriend?

Yes, they are your partner. The Police say this comes under the care exception (number 3 in the list).

Can I go and visit my parents?

Yes, but only if they need your assistance or care. For example, they might need you to help with the shopping, or to clean the house, or deliver food to them. You can't just go for a visit.

Can I go for a drive?

No. You can only leave your house if you have a reasonable excuse. So, you can drive to work, or to go shopping, or to the house of a person who you need to care for or any of the other reasons listed above.

If I am on my Ls, can I go for a drive to practice driving?

Yes. This is education that you can't do at home (number 6 in the list)

Can I go to a shop or shopping centre that is a long way from my home?

The law doesn't say you can't do this, but the police might not think it is reasonable to travel a long way from where you live to go shopping, if you have a shopping area that is close to your home. It is best to shop locally.

Can my entire family go and visit with another family who we are related to?

No. You can go to the home of a family member to provide care for them, but you can't just go for a visit. And your whole family shouldn't go to provide that care, just the people who are necessary.

Can my entire family go and visit with friends who have lost a loved one, especially if we can't go to the funeral?

It is not clear, but this probably comes within the compassionate reason exception (number 17 in the list).

Can I be fined or arrested for not standing not 1.5 metres away from a person?

No. It's not against the law to stand close to someone but it is not safe.

Can I exercise with a group of friends?

No, unless you all live together in the same household. If you live separately then you can only exercise with one other person and you should always stand 1.5 metres away from them. If you live with your family you can all go and exercise together, no matter how many people in your family.

Can I go and sit in a park, by myself or with one other person?

No. You can walk or run whilst at the park, as a way to exercise, but you can't sit down. And you can only be with one other person, unless you are with people you live with.

Do I have to exercise locally, or can I go to a park or beach somewhere else?

You can drive to a park or a beach so that you can exercise, but you can't travel hours out of the city to do so.

How many people can be in one car? *

You can only leave your house if you have a reasonable excuse. That means that if you and all the other people in the car have a reasonable excuse to leave the house, then you can probably travel together. However, if you don't live together, and you need to drive to another person's house to pick them up, then this is not a reasonable excuse. It is a good idea only to travel in a car with people you live with, and only when you all have a reasonable excuse to leave the house.

How can clients get help?

For free legal help you can call 1300 888 529 or [call your local Legal Aid NSW office](#).

If you need an interpreter, call the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 and ask for LawAccess NSW. If you find it hard to hear or speak, call the National Relay Service on 133 677 and ask for LawAccess NSW or visit www.relayservice.gov.au.

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For advice send us an email to refugeeservice@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

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