



## OPERATIONAL CIRCULAR 103/2021

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### SPRAYING WATER ON THE PUBLIC AT COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### Key Message

Crews are not to jet water on or hose down the public with water from fire appliances at community events (such as school fun runs).

#### What happened?

DFES often receives requests from event organisers to have firefighters and fire appliances attend “fun run” and “colour run” events for the purposes of jetting water on or hosing down participants during and at the end of these events.

Fire appliances are for operational and educational activities. Hosing down participants with water from appliances has potential health risks associated with the quality of the water that may be held within the appliance. The water is not always potable, can lay stagnant in appliances and can contain foam used for firefighting operations.

#### Further Information

For more information, please contact the Prevention and Safety Programs Coordinator on [ruth.noonan@dfes.wa.gov.au](mailto:ruth.noonan@dfes.wa.gov.au)

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Target Audience: All Operational Personnel				
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