

# Australia New Zealand Police Pursuit Principles

## Purpose:

These Principles support the development and application of policies and procedures that govern police pursuits. The Principles aim to promote cross-jurisdictional consistency across police organisations to enable opportunities for continuous improvement in the safe management of police pursuits.

## Definition:

A pursuit is where:

- a police officer, in a police vehicle, directs the driver of a motor vehicle to stop; and
- the motor vehicle fails to stop; and
- a police motor vehicle continues to follow.

KEY PRINCIPLES				
AUTHORITY	PROPORTIONALITY		SAFETY	
The authority for police to stop vehicles and pursue drivers who fail to stop is derived from law.	The decision to engage in a pursuit should be reasonable, justified and proportionate in the circumstances.		The safety of the community and police is the primary consideration.	
UNDERPINNING PRACTICES	POLICY	TRAINING	DECISION-MAKING	GOVERNANCE
	Police Organisations should			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ensure that policies and procedures for initiating, undertaking, and resolving police pursuits are developed, implemented, communicated, managed, and reviewed.</li> <li>• ensure police understand and adhere to organisational policies and procedures.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide police with skills, knowledge and capability to enable them to identify, respond to and manage the risks associated with police pursuits.</li> <li>• ensure training is contemporary and evidence-based.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ensure pursuits have effective command, control and coordination arrangements.</li> <li>• require that dynamic risk assessments are undertaken throughout pursuits.</li> <li>• provide strategies to manage and resolve pursuits.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• equip police to effectively undertake pursuits.</li> <li>• ensure compliance with pursuit management policies and procedures.</li> <li>• integrate a quality assurance process to support continuous improvement.</li> </ul>