



## WORKING IN THE **Ngaanyatjarra Lands**

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **Health and Safety**

#### **Is it safe to live there alone? Will I be safe there?**

While it is generally safe to live and travel on the Lands, security issues do arise from time to time. It is wise to take sensible precautions such as always travelling with another person and never doing after hours call-outs alone. Seek advice and take your lead from other staff who have more experience of living and working in remote environments.

#### **What safety precautions should I take when there?**

You should dress according to community standards, including not wearing tight or brief clothing. You should lock your doors and windows. When exercising or walking you should go in pairs rather than alone. You should not get involved in community arguments. You should not answer call-outs on your own.

#### **What security is there at home and work?**

Security precautions are advised and provided by the Ngaanyatjarra Health Service. Homes are lockable, including windows and doors.

#### **What kind of snakes and insects are there? Is there other wildlife?**

There are numerous snakes and insects within the Lands like much of Australia. You should be cautious of getting bitten, particularly during the warmer months. Carry a torch at night.

#### **What poisonous and edible plants are there?**

There are various poisonous and edible plants. Traditional Owners are best placed to advise on these.

#### **Is the water safe to drink?**

Yes, the water is safe to drink although many people choose to buy drinking water as they do in cities around Australia.

#### **Are there any curfews in the communities?**

Not normally. Curfews might be in place in certain communities on rare occasions. Some communities are considering introducing night patrols.

#### **Is there a safe for valuables?**

Safes are not provided and it is advisable not to bring valuables.



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