

Ports of Sydney Harbour and Botany Bay

Port Security – Water-side Restricted Zones

Maritime Security Zones have been in place at certain berths within port areas since 1 July 2004. These zones are termed “water-side restricted zones”.

A person or vessel must not enter or remain in a water-side restricted zone unless Authorised by Sydney Ports Corporation (the ports operator).

Water-side restricted zones at the current maritime security level 1 are as follows:-

- 30 metres clearance from any berthed cruise vessel, at the Overseas Passenger Terminal, Circular Quay
- 30 metres clearance from any berthed cruise vessel or 8 Darling Harbour
- 100 metres clearance from any tanker berthed at The Shell Company of Australia Limited terminal in Gore Cove.

Under Federal legislation, the penalty for unauthorized entry into a water-side restricted Zone is currently \$5500.

Authorised vessels allowed in the zones are:-

- A vessel operated by the State Transit Authority following a timetable or in the course of normal operations.
- A vessel that is compelled to do so for the purposes of navigation safety.
- A vessel operated by Sydney Ports Corporation or the NSW Maritime Authority in the course of normal operations.

In addition to the Federal legislation, State legislation continues to operate at the Shell Gore Cove Terminal, the Botany Bulk Liquids Berth and Caltex Kurnell wharf and shipping berths in Botany at all times. State legislation restricts any person from entering any area of navigable water within 100 metres of the shipping facility or wharf, even when there isn't a vessel in berth.

The penalty for unauthorised entry is 1,500.

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