

# Shower Theft and How to Report it

## HELP KEEP OUR HOLIDAY PARKS SAFE

Shower theft, the theft of energy and water by trespassers, is a costly problem that inconveniences and endangers the safety and security of campers who have paid camping fees.

Shower theft and trespassing (after a warning to leave) are criminal offences. Offenders can be arrested and prosecuted. When someone steals a shower, they are stealing water and the energy required to pump and heat the water.

Water may be rain water or treated water paid for within rates or by a water usage levy. Energy to pump and heat the water may be gas, electric or solar generated. Regardless of where the shower water comes from and how it is heated, there is a large capital cost in providing and maintaining camping ground showers.

## Why Report Shower Theft?

- Stopping shower theft protects lawful campers from inconvenience, theft and physical harm.
- People who steal showers may also steal other items from campers and threaten their safety.
- Someone has to pay. The theft of showers results in higher energy and water costs being passed on to paying customers.
- Bad experiences put legitimate campers and people they talk to, including tourists, off camping.

## How Do I Report Shower Theft?

### CAMPING GROUND MANAGER AND STAFF

If you suspect someone is showering illegally:

- Record details of time, date, and shower used
- Record vehicle description including registration number
- Record description of person and how they came to your attention
- Decide whether to advise police immediately or deal with the situation
- Approach person with a witness BUT only if safe to do so. Withdraw and phone police immediately on 111 if situation becomes unsafe
- Advise person that they are trespassing and shower theft is a criminal offence
- Seek an explanation. If explanation is reasonable, decide whether to trespass and seek payment or simply to trespass the person and advise local police

## How Do I Report Shower Theft?

### CAMPERS

If you suspect someone is showering illegally, please immediately advise camp management. Do not approach the person, but take a note of the time, and shower used, description of any vehicle including registration number and description of person and how they came to your attention.

## NOTICE - ONLINE INCIDENT REPORTING

Please fill in the form in Appendix 3 and post or email to the Holiday Parks Association of New Zealand. This information is being used to measure the size of the problem and assist to determine future strategies to deal with it.

## OTHER STRATEGIES

1. Keep gates lock gates between advertised hours.
2. Keep an up-to-date list of local social services that can be contacted or given to people in need, e.g. Citizens Advice, Salvation Army, Work and Income.
3. Develop your list of contacts with police etc
4. Develop a relationship with your local police

## Appendices

1. Example of camp sign
2. Trespass notice
3. *Incident Report*



Persons found using these facilities who are not registered guests will be reported to the Police.



## Incident Report

Please email or fax the completed form to

Holiday Parks Association of New Zealand

[Email: info@holidayparks.co.nz](mailto:info@holidayparks.co.nz)

Fax: 04 298 9284

Park name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: (0 ) \_\_\_\_\_

Person reporting: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of incident

Date: / /

f1 Trespass / not registered

Theft / fraud

Assault / fighting

Vandalism / graffiti

Other behaviour - describe

Value of lost / damage \$

Amount recovered \$

What happened

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Police notified Yes /No

attended Yes /No

Action taken by police

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Person(s) were trespassed Yes /No

Other information / outcomes

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## TRESPASS NOTICE

Warning under the Trespass Act 1980  
Sections 4(1) or (2) and Section 4(4)

To: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name of Person being warned)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Address of Person being warned)*

In accordance with the above Act and Section you are hereby warned to stay off the place known as:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Address of Location which Person is banned from)*

It is an offence punishable by a fine not exceeding \$1,000.00 or imprisonment not exceeding 3 months to enter the above address within 2 years from the date you receive this warning.

The occupier of the above address is:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Full Name of Occupier)*

This warning is given by the \*occupier / \*person authorized by the occupier of the above address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Signature of Occupier or Person authorized by the Occupier)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Print Full Name of Occupier or Person authorized by the Occupier)*

## DETAILS OF SERVICE OF TRESPASS NOTICE

*(Read INSTRUCTIONS below and then complete details immediately service is affected. If the person served the notice is not occupier but an agent of the occupier - the full name and address of the person who served the notice is also required.)*

THIS NOTICE (photocopy attached) was served:

On \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name of Person served)*

On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm

At \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Place where service was effected)*

By \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Full Name of Person effecting service)*

I served the Trespass Notice personally:

On \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name of Person Served)*

By \*handing it to them / \*dropping it at their feet, when they refused to accept service of the notice.  
They \*acknowledged / \*did not acknowledge that they are the person named in the notice.  
They \*are / \*are not personally known to me.

I believe their \*date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_ / \*approximate age is \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Occupiers Full Name:

Occupiers Address &  
Phone Number

More relevant details: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*(For example, 'Issued because of alleged disorderly behavior' or 'Issued because of alleged theft'. Record here the authorization if the person who served the notice was a person authorized by the occupier and not the occupier, and attach a copy of the authorization to this form, if applicable.)*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Signature of person who served the Trespass Notice)*

Full Name and Address of \_\_\_\_\_  
Person Signing Notice

Date of Completion of this form:

**Instructions:**  
*Photocopy completed Trespass Notice before serving on the person warned off. Be clear who the occupier is - company, person, partnership etc. Complete this form (DETAILS OF SERVICE OF TRESPASS NOTICE) after service and attach it to the photocopy of the completed TRESPASS NOTICE. Retain for possible court proceedings.*