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Illegal beach party organisers warned

People holding large organised parties at beaches in the City of Cockburn are the target of a campaign to stop the illegal and potentially dangerous gatherings.

The City is working with its CoSafe security patrol service and local policing teams from Cockburn and Murdoch Police Stations to crack down on the events' organisers.

City of Cockburn Environmental Health Manager Nick Jones said the campaign aimed to stop illegal dance parties at local beach reserves, especially C Y O'Connor Reserve.

"Over the past few years these parties have been set up and promoted via social media including an event with about 150 people on Sunday, 2 April 2017 that resulted in 10 noise complaints from nearby residents," Mr Jones said.

"The late night parties are illegal and potentially dangerous due to the large number of attendees. We will be monitoring social media for news of these events."

Co-Safe officers will intensively patrol beach areas and parties being set up or underway will be reported to WA Police whose officers will attend to close it down.

Music equipment will be seized and organisers and promoters prosecuted by the City for breaches of the Health Act which carries penalties up to \$15,000 per offence.

"If an event is promoted on social media the person will be prosecuted with a maximum fine of \$15,000, plus a daily penalty of up to \$1000 for every day the event continues to be advertised," Mr Jones said.

Mayor Logan Howlett urged parents to encourage their teenagers to steer clear of the illegal events because safety could not be guaranteed and no-one was insured for injury.



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