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UNRULY PARTY GOERS PUT ON NOTICE

Police Minister Paul Henderson has warned unruly party-goers they face hefty fines or jail time for obstructing police, paramedics or other emergency services workers from doing their job.

Police were pelted with rocks and bottles by hundreds of gatecrashers at a Howard Springs party on the weekend.

An ambulance crew were unable to get through the crowd to treat teenagers inside the house and were forced to enter in a police car under heavy escort.

“This sort of behaviour is reprehensible and will not be tolerated,” Mr Henderson said.

“To stop police and paramedics from going about their lawful and life-saving business – which they are carrying out on behalf of the community – is not only irresponsible and foolish but illegal.”

Mr Henderson said under section 155A of the Criminal Code Act anyone who assaults, obstructs or hinders someone who is providing rescue, resuscitation or medical treatment is guilty of a crime and faces up to 5 years in prison.

“Enough is enough. I’m putting people who assault or obstruct our emergency service workers on notice – behave or face jail time.

“I will be speaking to the Police Commissioner about the issue and I expect police to prosecute where necessary.”

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