



Kuring Gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

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This email is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in the Kuring Gai Police Local Area Command (LAC), which includes the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai areas. Anyone may join our distribution list by emailing: NHWGordon@gmail.com.

Each weekly update includes a selection of 'posts' from the Kuring Gai LAC Facebook page (also known as 'eyewatch'). One important post on the Monday is the Media Release from our Crime Prevention Officer.

We add to this all the other stuff we find interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view. It could be local newspaper articles, roadwork warnings, crime prevention tips, Neighbourhood Watch meetings and relevant tit-bits gleaned from residents, or other Commands. Have you seen anything we should share with the community?

Please continue to email us anything that others may appreciate: NHWGordon@gmail.com. Thank you.

22 September, Hornsby Police news, 22/9/14 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command.

Incident: Road rage incident

Time/Date: About 9.55am Saturday 20th

Place: Pacific highway, Killara

Vehicle 1: Nissan Pulsar Maroon colour

Driver 1: Male

Details: Traffic along the Pacific highway was heavy due to being a Saturday morning. A motorist noticed a Pulsar to be tailgating his car, soon after traffic had stopped causing the motorist to stop. For an unknown reason the Pulsar was not happy with this and swerved into the lane beside the now stationary motorist/victim in traffic. Some words were exchanged between the driver of the pulsar and the victim. At some point the pulsar driver has taken out a small black item with 2 prongs at the top and pointed it at the victim. It is alleged the device was a taser of some type as sparking could be seen and heard coming from the device. The victim reported the incident to police and provided a rego number. Inquiries are continuing into the matter.

Incident: Break, enter & steal

Time/Date: Between 10pm Saturday 20th and 9am Sunday 21st

Place: Rosedale road, Gordon.

Details: A home was broken into by forcing the lock of a ground floor rear door. Several rooms were searched by the offenders, at this stage it is unknown what property has been taken.

Incident: Break, enter & steal

Time/Date: Between 9am and 5pm Friday 19th

Place: Carcoola street, Normanhurst.

Details: A home was broken into via a ground floor rear door which may have been left unlocked. An amount of jewellery, cash from a piggy bank and a video camera has been taken.

Incident: Break, enter & steal

Time/Date: About 1.25pm Wednesday 17th

Place: Cherry street, Warrawee

Person: described as being male. Caucasian in appearance, he was wearing a black spray jacket and dark shorts; he had close cropped hair and facial stubble.

Details: The home owner was in the back yard of her house when she heard a door inside close, the owner has gone inside to see a man inside. The man has allegedly threatened the owner saying he had a syringe. A struggle ensued with the man last seen running from the house with a school backpack belonging to the victim's son. Police were called and patrolled the streets but failed to locate the man. During the struggle the man's baseball cap fell off which police seized for DNA testing. The owner was not injured during the incident but reported an Apple MAC laptop and some jewellery had been taken.

Incident: Alcohol theft

Time/Date: About 6.55pm Sunday 21st

Place: BWS Pymble Hotel.

Details: 4 youths only described as 15 or 16 years old have attended the bottle shop. All 4 are alleged to have taken cans of alcohol from the fridge section and run from the store without paying for them. In total \$111 of alcohol was taken, Police have patrolled local parks and ovals but did not locate the males. Police are also viewing CCTV footage to identify the males.

Incident: Shop stealing

Time/Date: About 10.30am Friday 19th

Place: Strand bags Westfield Hornsby

Details: A female described as being Caucasian in appearance in her late 30s or early 40s and of a large build has entered the Strand bags store selecting 2 handbags. The female is alleged to have walked from the store without paying for them. About 15 minutes later Westfield security have located the bags in a shopping trolley at a coffee shop inside Westfield. The bags were photographed and returned to the store. Police are viewing CCTV footage of the incident and the area around the trolley.

Police are appealing to witnesses who may have information relating to the above incidents to contact **Hornsby police on 9476 9799**, or phone **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000** to report any information relating to the matter anonymously.

END

22 September, from Quakers Hill command: Police are appealing for information to locate a man who went missing from Schofields early this morning.

On Monday 22nd September 2014, **Gabriel Williams, aged 42**, left his home in Schofields on foot about 6am and has not returned home. He was seen heading towards Schofields Railway Station. There are concerns for Mr Williams welfare as he has a severe intellectual disability. Police are advising the public not to approach him if sighted as he **can be quite violent and aggressive**. Contact police immediately. Police are urging anyone with information about Mr Williams to contact **Quakers Hill Police on 0296788999 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**. Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence.



22 September: Party Pack Tips Checklist - [Click here](#) to access tips such as...

- Find out about local noise regulations (contact your Local Council or Police if in doubt).
- Are there sufficient toilets so people don't go outside?
- Make sure the family dog is secured and comfortable to avoid excessive barking during the party
- Take into account that many people smoke. It is best to make accommodations for this within the confines of the party venue. This keeps guests from having to go outside, which ensures better crowd management.

22 September: [click here](#) to access 'A Road to Child Safety' - Safe Play, Passenger Safety, Bicycle Safety & Small Wheels, Driveway safety, Pedestrian Safety and Parked Cars.

A road to child safety

Safe Play

Children need a **SAFE PLACE TO PLAY**, such as a backyard, fenced park or recreational area. They should always be **ACTIVELY SUPERVISED** by an adult.



Driveway Safety

Small children can move surprisingly quickly and can be impossible to see from inside a car, especially if they are immediately behind it.

ALWAYS SUPERVISE children whenever a vehicle is to be moved - hold their hands or hold them close to keep them safe.



Passenger Safety

Whenever children are in a car they should be buckled-up in **CHILD RESTRAINTS** that are correct for each child's size and weight.

For more information on the correct restraint for your child call the RTA Enquiry Line on 13 22 13.

Check all restraints have the  **AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS** mark and that second-hand restraints are not damaged in any way. It is recommended that all restraints are properly fitted and checked by an Authorised Restraint Fitter.

If possible, place children in the **BACK SEAT** of the car and encourage them to use the 'safety door' which is closest to the footpath (and away from the road).



Pedestrian Safety

HOLD HANDS with children in and around traffic, until they are at least 10 years old. If your hands are full, make sure children hold onto a trolley or pram, a bag or even your arm or sleeve.

Kids are always watching - they want to be just like adults - so make sure you **SET A GOOD EXAMPLE**.

While walking **TALK WITH CHILDREN** about why it is necessary to stop, and what you need to look and listen for. Explain where it is safer to cross and why.

Remember that **WHEREVER A CAR MAY BE MOVING CAN BE DANGEROUS**. This includes quiet and busy streets, traffic lights and roundabouts, pedestrian crossings, footpaths, driveways, car parks, and around schools.

Bicycle Safety & Small Wheels

A young child's skull is soft and easily injured from a collision or fall.

Whenever children are riding wheeled toys or bicycles, it is important that they are wearing a correctly fitted and  **AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS** approved **HELMET**.

This is an **ADULT'S RESPONSIBILITY**.

Young children who wear helmets from the moment they start riding their first wheeled toy are more likely to continue the helmet wearing habit.



Parked Cars

Parked cars can heat up very quickly, even with windows wound down, and older children can touch controls and may set the vehicle in motion.

ALWAYS TAKE CHILDREN WITH YOU, leaving them alone in cars, even for a short period, is illegal and dangerous.



For more information

Any questions? Please ask Kidsafe staff or see our selection of brochures.
Ph: (02) 9845 0890 website: www.kidsafenw.org

18 September: Aerial footage of arrests made in Sydney counter terrorism operation



Aerial footage of arrests made in Sydney counter terrorism operation

Fifteen people have been detained in relation to serious terrorism related offences during a major NSW Joint Counter Terrorism (JCTT) operation in Sydney tod...

[Click here to view video.](#)

18 September, from the Australian Taxation Office: SCAM ALERT: help by sharing to make your friends and family aware.

A screenshot of a scam email. The email header includes the Australian Government logo and the myGov logo. The main body of the email features a large green myGov logo and the text "All in one place" followed by "A fast, simple way to access government online services. One login. One password. One destination." Below this, there is a form with the following fields: "Refund Amount: 579.12 AUD", "Please provide the following information accurately.", "Cardholder's Name", "Middle Name", "Date of Birth" (with DD, MM, YYYY dropdowns), "Address", "City", "Postcode", "Mobile Phone Number", "Account Number", "Credit Card Number", and "Expiry date". The form is designed to look like a legitimate myGov service page.

In the latest scam email that is circulating, scammers are using the ATO logo to make their email look authentic. This email indicates that you may have a tax refund which takes you to a website using myGov logos. If you receive an email

such as this - do not click any links. Forward it to reportemailfraud@ato.gov.au and delete immediately. Remember to look out for SMS, emails and websites that ask for your personal or financial information, such as your date of birth, address, credit card details and PIN.

For more tips for staying safe online [click here](#).

16 September, from Crime Stoppers: *BREAKING NEWS: Operation Roam - FOUR fugitives arrested! Thank you to the community for your contributions so far.**

OPERATION ROAM is in progress and is Crime Stoppers Australia's MOST WANTED fugitives. Do you know any of these faces?



For full media release [click here](#).

For details of fugitives [click here](#).

****IMPORTANT INFORMATION****

Crime Stoppers is asking every member of the public to be on the look out for these people, but not to make any attempt to apprehend or approach them. If

anyone knows the whereabouts of these criminals please contact **Crime Stoppers immediately on 1800 333 000** or by sending information online, [click here](#), which people can do anonymously. In case of an emergency call **Police Triple Zero (000)**.

16 September: NSW Police are announcing changes to the way traffic crashes are reported in NSW along with a month-long education campaign. (edited)

What does this mean for the average motorist?

Drivers involved in traffic crashes where their vehicle needs to be towed - where no one is injured, all parties exchange particulars and no one is under the influence of drugs/alcohol - can now organise their own tow and leave the area, and later report the crash to the Police Assistance Line on 131 444.

In addition, drivers will no longer need to report minor collisions to police, even for insurance purposes.

Key changes:

From 15 October 2014, police will need to be called to attend and investigate crashes that fall into the below criteria:

1. Where a person is killed or injured;
2. Parties fail to exchange particulars;
3. A driver is under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Police will also attend to direct traffic and deal with hazards or debris on the road, as well as assist with the tow of heavy vehicles. Currently they attend and investigate where a person is killed or injured; parties fail to exchange particulars; a driver is under the influence; or, a vehicle involved requires towing from the scene.

From 15 October 2014, in such instances if a vehicle requires towing from the scene and no one is injured or under the influence, and all parties exchange details:

Motorists should organise their own tow and have their vehicle removed from the scene as quickly and safely as possible. Once this has occurred they should report the crash to the Police Assistance Line on 131 444.

Also, from 15 October 2014:

Reports of “minor”™ traffic crashes “where vehicles do not require towing - will no longer require a police record to be made. Police event numbers will no longer be issued for these incidents.

For further detailed information, [click here](#). To download your '**What to do after a Car Crash**' flyer (which can be kept in your glove box), [click here](#).



NSW Police Force

WHAT TO DO AFTER A CAR CRASH

To help reduce danger to road users and manage crashes more efficiently, from October 2014, you may no longer have to wait for police at a crash site in NSW.

Follow the chart below to find out what to do.

ENSURE YOU ARE IN A SAFE LOCATION AWAY FROM THE TRAFFIC



Be prepared and download the **Emergency+** app now by using your smartphone to scan these codes. The app can help determine your GPS coordinates to pass onto emergency services if an incident occurs.



iPhone



Android

Record your insurance and preferred towing company details below. Keep this card in your car glove box for future reference.

Registration No.: Insurer:

Policy No.: Phone:

Towing Company: Phone:

CRASH DETAILS

Date: Time:

Street:

Suburb:

Cross St/Landmark/Nearest street No.:

GPS coordinates (use *Emergency+* or car 'SATNAV' to obtain)

LATITUDE: LONGITUDE:

- 1

VEHICLE 1

** Denotes minimum legal requirement for exchange of details.*

Registration No.*: State:

Make: Model:

Driver Name*:

Address*:

Licence No.: State: Phone:

Owner Name*:

Owner Address*:

Insurer: Policy No.:

VEHICLE 2

Registration No.*: State:

Make: Model:

Driver Name*:

Address*:

Licence No.: State: Phone:

Owner Name*:

Owner Address*:

Insurer: Policy No.:

For more information or to download extra copies of this flyer,
visit www.police.nsw.gov.au

15 September: FOUND: full set of keys left on a Nissan parked at Warwilla Ave Wahroonga this morning. Please email us at NHWGordon@gmail.com if you think it's yours.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

Gordon Area 3/4 (Turrumurra) Neighbourhood Watch is holding its next meeting on **Monday 29 September at 8pm at the Turrumurra Uniting Church.** Our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Cons Paul Cleary, is holding a "Q & A Session" - so if you have any questions you'd like to ask and haven't had the opportunity, please come along. If the questions are a little complex, please email [Carroll Howe](mailto:CarrollHowe@nhw.org.au) (Area Coordinator NHW Area Gordon 3/4) the question so it can be researched to provide an informed answer.

Tea/coffee and biscuits available.

18 September, from Berowra:

My house in Barnetts Rd was burgled today. Please keep your eyes open for strange activity. I am pretty shocked as very precious jewellery has been taken and is irreplaceable.

A second house was also burgled in Wyanna St today :(

17 September: Did anyone lose a car key yesterday? Mazda car key found and handed in to Berowra Train Station.



From the Hornsby Advocate, 18 September: GPS PLAN TO FIX GORGE WOES

ROADS and Maritime Services will meet with GPS providers in the coming weeks to discuss what can be done to deter heavy vehicles from entering Galston Gorge. Restricted heavy vehicles continue to enter the winding, narrow road that links Hornsby Heights and Galston despite 13 signs warning of deregistration and heavy fines. A truck, a bus and a car towing a caravan have all caused delays, closing the gorge in both directions, in the past month.

A spokeswoman for the RMS said drivers of heavy vehicles were blaming their GPS devices for leading them through the gorge. She said a meeting will be arranged with GPS providers to discuss whether restricted heavy vehicle routes including Galston Gorge can be identified. "Offending drivers have claimed in the past they have become stuck after following GPS," the spokeswoman said. "This is no defence and operators of heavy vehicles including buses must plan trips and obey all signs."

A spokeswoman for Navman Wireless, which specialises in GPS devices, said there are options on the market to assist drivers make route decisions to avoid potential black spots. She said drivers can be alerted to avoid high-risk areas like Galston Gorge if they configure specific "no-go zones" beforehand but

“there is not yet a device that advises route based on vehicle dimensions” .

The RMS said it investigated the use of a physical barrier at the entrance to the gorge but ruled that out. “A chicane was investigated ... but it was determined it would prevent trucks exiting, disrupting traffic the same way as a truck stuck in the gorge,” the spokeswoman said. “Further, installing a physical barrier either side of the single lane of traffic would be a safety hazard. If impacted by a crash, the barrier would increase the risk of injury or death.”

From the North Shore Times 19 September, Ku-ring-gai Council page:

Social media for seniors

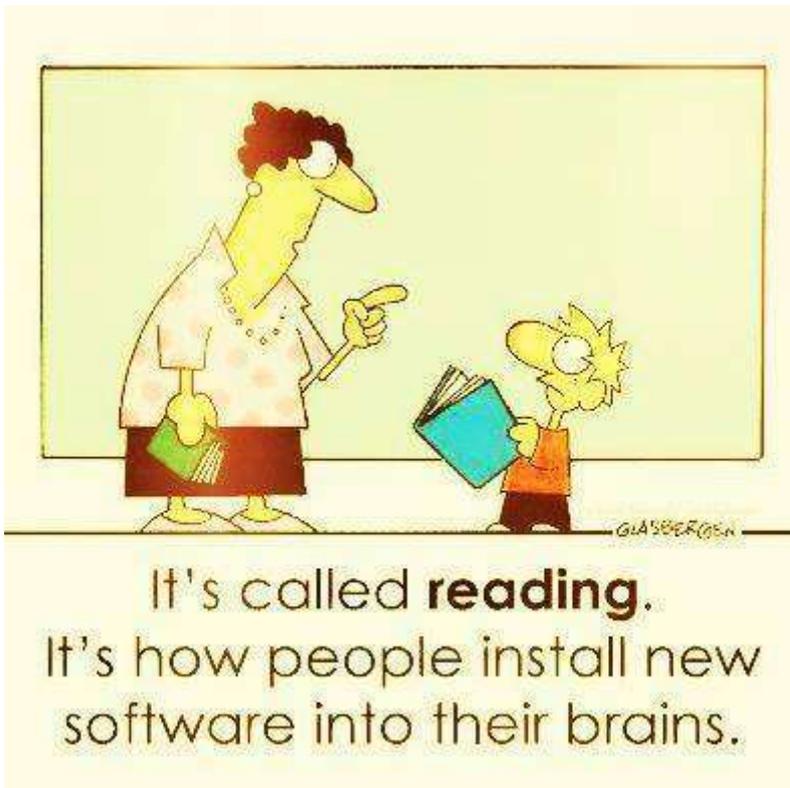
If you're 60 plus, learn how to use Twitter, Facebook and other social networking tools at our info session on **Thursday September 25, 10.30am to 12 noon** at 818 Pacific Highway Gordon. \$5 per person, bookings essential: 9424 0836. Learn more: www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/seniors

From Stay Smart Online: How to set automatic updates on your operating system software

Configuring your computer to automatically update its operating system will ensure you do not miss important security updates which will help reduce the risk of your computer being compromised.

Operating systems such as Microsoft Windows XP, Microsoft Windows Vista, Microsoft Windows 7, Mac OS X, and Linux have an automatic update feature. These software updates, also known as patches or fixes correct security bugs in the operating system which, if exploited, could allow an attacker to steal sensitive information from your computer or delete or modify your computers files. Following the simple steps below provides a good first step in securing your computer from malicious software attacks.

[Click here](#) for instructions.



Useful Tip #56:

Police advise female patrons visiting licensed premises to be careful in relation to securing handbags and personal property.

Be aware of what is happening around you, don't place handbags on the floor or under the table, keep control of the handbag at all times.

If you are going onto the dance floor or away from the table, have someone stay with the handbags.

Police suggest that females use a small shoulder type handbag so that they can be kept on your person when visiting licensed premises.

Unsolicited goods advice:

Do you get to keep the goods? Answer: the business has 3 months to recover the goods. However, if you write to them to say you don't want the goods, then they only have 1 month. You cannot unreasonably refuse to allow the supplier to collect the goods during this period or damage the goods. If the supplier doesn't collect

the goods within this period you can keep the goods and you're not required to pay for them.

An oldie but goldie from our Crime Prevention Officer:

If you have people hanging around where you don't want them to (think young, think alcohol or graffiti), try a few handfuls of a product such as 'dynamic lifter' scattered about, in order to encourage them to congregate elsewhere.

Helpful hints #53:

Did you know that if you invite someone into your home and they steal an item, that you are probably **not insured**? Always choose your tradesperson, not them choose you! Check their references.



WOW DAY
WEAR ORANGE WEDNESDAY TO SUPPORT SES VOLUNTEERS

57 days to go! | Wednesday 12 November 2014 | ADD TO CALENDAR

On Wednesday 12 November Wear Orange to School or Work.

The SES is painting the town ORANGE for Wear Orange Wednesday (WOW Day) on 12 November and we want you to join in the fun. Get your family and friends to wear something orange to work or school to show support for SES volunteers.

Dates for the Diary:

Thursday 25 September: Seniors Social Networking Tools Info session. 10:30-12 at 818 Pac Hwy, Gordon. Ph: **9424 0836**

Sunday 28 September: Drop in for coffee & we'll help you write your Bush Fire Survival Plan. 10-2pm Gordon Library. Book by 23 Sep 9424 0893.

Monday 29 September: Gordon Area 3/4 (Turramurra) Neighbourhood Watch meeting. 8pm at Turramurra Uniting Church.

Thursday 02 October: FREE concert by Ambre Hammond (on a Stuart Grand piano), 10:30 til 12 noon at Lorraine Smith Auditorium (Gate 3), Ravenswood School for Girls. Celebrate UN International Day of Older Persons. Enq: **9424 0000**.

Wednesday 08 October: Pain Support Group, St Ives. 1-2:30pm at St Ives Baptist Church, 28 Memorial Ave, St Ives. Ph: **0429 022 665**

Saturday 11 October: St John's Anglican Church Fête, cnr Pac Hwy & St John's Ave, Gordon 9am - 2pm. Crime Prevention stall there, with NSW Police and local Neighbourhood Watch.

Wednesday 15 October: East Killara NHW meeting. 7:30, East Killara Uniting Church meeting room.

Saturday 25 October: Hornsby/Kuring-gai Women's Shelter, Black Tie Ball. [Click here](#).

Sunday 26 October: National Graffiti Removal Day.

Wednesday 12 November: Wear Orange Wednesday to support SES volunteers.

Wednesday 03 December: Kuring-gai Police & Community Safety Committee 5:30 for 6pm

Sunday 01 March 2015: St Ives Food & Wine Festival.

Please always refer to the local police facebook page as your primary source of information: <https://www.facebook.com/KuringGaiLAC>

NB: THIS FACEBOOK PAGE CAN BE ACCESSED WITHOUT BEING SIGNED INTO FACEBOOK. Scroll down to see more information going back in time.

One from the Archives 02 April 2012... Drink Spiking:

Drink spiking is where alcohol or other drugs are added to a person's drink without their knowledge or consent.

Alcohol is the most likely.

Alcohol is most often associated with sexual assault.

Other drugs are; tranquillisers, 'special k', amphetamine and GHB.

Drink spiking is not a joke or a game. It can make people sick or even be life-threatening.

Playing a prank on someone by adding alcohol or other drugs to their drink, with the intention of getting them drunk, is drink spiking and is illegal.

What if a friend is drunk, feeling sick, stumbling, confused or faints? Stay with them. Take them to a safe place. Tell another friend, the host of the party, the bar, or security staff. If they collapse, ring an ambulance on 000 immediately.

Feel drowsy or suddenly 'out of it'? Don't wait and hope it will pass. Have someone you trust take you to a safe place. If you suspect your drink has been spiked or you have been assaulted, go to a doctor or hospital emergency department immediately.

You may become dizzy, feel unwell, let your guard down and do things you would not usually do. You may become unconscious, not able to defend yourself or not remember what happened. You may be robbed or sexually assaulted.

Scheduled Roadworks - thanks to Live Traffic NSW

BEROWRA M1 Pacific Mwy (F3) and Pacific Hwy between Collingridge Way and Yallambee Rd: Sun 7 Sep 2014 - Tue 30 Sep 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Sun to Fri (8pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Check signage. Reduced speed limit. Work will be carried out in two nights during this period, excluding Saturdays.

The off-ramp and on-ramp from/to M1 Pacific Motorway at the Windybanks Interchange will be closed and detoured for two shifts. There will be some noise associated with this work.

BEROWRA WATERS Berowra Waters Ferry *between Bay Rd and Berowra Waters Rd*
SCHEDULED FERRY MAINTENANCE: Tue 14 Oct 2014 - Tue 14 Oct 2014

Scheduled road closures for this week

Tue (12.30pm to 2.30pm) Both directions closed. Allow extra travel time. Use alternative route. The Ferry will be out of service for routine maintenance 14 October.

DURAL New Line Rd at Sebastian Dr: Mon 14 Apr 2014 - Sat 1 Nov 2014

Scheduled lane closures for this week

Mon to Fri (7am to 6pm) Both directions affected. Sat (8am to 1pm) Both directions affected. Check signage. Reduce speed. Road improvement works, including new traffic signals and road widening. Traffic controllers will be on site.

Important Contacts

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance) 000

Kuring Gai Local Area Command (LAC) 9476 9799

Hornsby Police Station 292 Pacific Highway, Hornsby 2077

Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

Report crime anonymously

Report suspicious activity asap

Police Assistance Line (PAL) 131 444

For non-urgent minor crime

Kuring Gai Crime Prevention Officer 9476 9723

Local Police facebook page [Kuring Gai LAC](#)

Non-emergency two-way communication

Never be afraid or embarrassed to report a crime, concern or fear you have to the Police. The Police are here to help you.

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