

## **PUBLIC GATHERINGS**

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### ***Demonstrations in or near Court Buildings Prohibition Act 71 of 1982.***

**Summary:** This Act prohibits demonstrations and gatherings within a five-hundred-metre radius of a building containing a courtroom, except on weekends and public holidays.

**Applicability to SWA:** The Security Matters Proclamation (AG 29/1985) made this Act applicable to South West Africa, with minor amendments.

### **Public Gatherings Proclamation, AG 23 of 1989.**

**Summary:** This Proclamation requires advance notice to the police of all public gatherings and prohibits the carrying of weapons (*other than* concealed pistols or revolvers). It also gives the police powers to place conditions on gatherings and to disperse riots.

**Regulations:** See General Notice 143/1992 (GG 503), which refers to the Proclamation in connection with guidelines for the holding of elections.

See also *Criminal Law Amendment Act 8 of 1953* (re: offences committed in the course of protests) (**CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE**).

See also Labour Act 6 of 1992 (re: picketing) (**LABOUR**).