

Dog Attacks

What should I do if a dog attacks me?

If you have seen a dog attack a person or animal, or been attacked by a dog yourself, irrespective of whether the attack happened on public or on private property, you should report it to Blayney Shire council.

A Statement of Attack Form is available for this purpose.

If the attack occurred outside normal Council hours, you may call your local Police Station. Police Officers are authorised officers under the Companion Animals Act 1998, who have a wide range of powers to deal with owners of attacking dogs, including seizing dogs that have attacked.

If you have been the subject of a serious dog attack, you may wish to seek your own legal advice to determine any remedies that may be available to you. You can access free legal advice by telephoning LawAccess NSW, a free Government telephone service providing legal information, advice and referrals, on 1300 888 529 (or TTY 1300 889 529) Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm.

How can I protect my stock from a dog attack?

In the Companion Animals Act 1993, Section 22 (5) Action to protect persons and property against dogs, states:

(5) If a dog that is not under the effective control of some competent person enters any inclosed lands within the meaning of the *Inclosed Lands Protection Act 1901* and approaches any animal being farmed on the land, the occupier of the land or any person authorised by the occupier can lawfully injure or destroy the dog if he or she reasonably believes that the dog will molest