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Festive Lights Switch-On Event Guidelines 2025

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Safety and security measures

Like any other large-scale event in Cape Town, the Festive Lights Switch On event includes a large-scale public safety plan, which covers a wide range of aspects including (but not limited to):

- The festival precinct is Grand Parade, City Hall: Adderley St, Darling Street and Lower Plein Street
- 13 sets of queue chutes in all side streets leading to the festival precinct
- Full searches for prohibited items at all queue chutes. Festival attendees will be turned away should they be found with any prohibited item and not allowed access
- Festival goers are reminded this is a family-friendly event
- 2 x Medic positions sign posted on Grand Parade and 2 x Adderley St
- 1 x big screen on Grand Parade for better viewing of the stage
- Screens on the stage
- 2 big screens in Adderley Street with live relay from the main stage in Darling St
- Bring sunscreen and water. Water points are provided in Adderley St and on Grand Parade – bring your water bottles to fill!
- Toilet facilities on the Grand Parade and in Adderley St with janitor service throughout event
- Security Management with 370 security staff onsite supported by SAPS, Metro Police, and Law Enforcement. The precinct is split into 4 x Zones with each zone containing a response team.
- Food vendors at the kiosks on Grand Parade
- Vendor market on Lower Plein Street.

Prohibited items

- No weapons
- No glass
- No alcohol or drugs
- No hookah pipes
- No relieving of oneself other than in the toilets
- No littering in the venue
- No gas spray cans, corrosives or anything that could cause fire
- No fireworks
- No chairs
- No gazebos or umbrellas
- No sticks
- No objects which could compromise public safety

Road, lane, parking, and transport

No Parking and No Stopping

No parking will be permitted in Darling, Adderley, Lower Plein and Castle Streets, and Roads leading off Darling and Adderley Streets from 05:00 Saturday 29 November 2025 until 05:00 Monday 1 December 2025.

No parking permitted in Darling Street from Tuesday 25 November until 05:00 Monday 1 December 2025.

Road Closures

DATES AND STREETS	BETWEEN		CLOSE	OPEN
Tuesday 25 November to Tuesday 2 December 2025				
Darling Street lane restriction	Parade and Corporation Streets		05:00	05:00
Saturday 29 November to Monday 1 December 2025				
Darling Street	Buitenkant and Lower Plein Streets		12:00	05:00
Parade Street	Caledon and Darling Streets		12:00	05:00
Sunday 30 December to Monday 1 December 2025				
Parade Street	Caledon and Darling Streets		05:00	05:00
Lower Plein Street	Darling and Strand Streets		05:00	05:00
Darling Street	Adderley and Buitenkant Streets		05:00	05:00
Plein Street	Spin and Darling Streets		05:00	05:00
Adderley Street	Wale and Strand Streets		05:00	05:00
Castle/Buitenkant Street	Darling and Strand Streets		12:00	00:00
Parliament Street	Bureau and Darling Streets		05:00	05:00
Corporation Street	Caledon and Darling Streets		05:00	05:00
Longmarket Street	Burg and Adderley Streets		05:00	05:00
Church Street				
Hout Street				

Disabled parking

In bays on Buitenkant Street between Darling Street and Caledon Street - both sides

E-Hailing

- Long Street between Wale Street & Dorp Street
- Strand Street at Castle Street in parking bays
- Darling Street at the Castle in parking bays
- Queen Victoria Road between Company Gardens Gate & Wale Street

MyCiti service

All departures Civic Centre at 22:30

- Khayelitsha – D01 and D02
- Mitchells Plain – D04
- Table View/ Dunoon – T01