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Lord Mayor says Stop the Brawling

Last night a 21-year-old man was king hit in a fight outside a Darwin nightclub as a crowd of almost 100 onlookers cheered and then turned on police.

Police say the victim hit his head on the ground and was knocked unconscious outside the Hot Potato nightclub on Mitchell Street about 4.15am this morning.

Lord Mayor Graeme Sawyer, is alarmed at the trend "It was a topic of discussion in the last CCLM (Capital City Lord Mayors) meeting as Melbourne and Sydney have had major problems and this has escalated into people using weapons" he said "I just hope the NT Government speeds up the roll out of CCTV cameras".

The Lord Mayor has called for the nightclubs to be held accountable "Alcohol suppliers should take more responsibility for the consequences of their business as well as making people who have been consuming alcohol take responsibility for their own actions. Alcohol is not an excuse" he said.

Police say the 19-year-old attacker ran off down the street and officers chased and arrested him.

Seventeen police officers had to form a barrier between the crowd and the arresting officers.

The offender is in police custody and will be interviewed later today.

The injured man was taken to Royal Darwin Hospital.