



STREET PARISH COUNCIL

Busker's Code of Practice

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The Busker's code is intended to set out a standard which, if followed, should enable busking to continue and thrive whilst protecting businesses and residents from excessive noise or prolonged exposure to the same performances.

The points below are intended as a guide. Flexibility and reasonableness from all parties will be the key to the success of this code of practice. Respect for all other street users, other buskers, nearby residents, and businesses is paramount.

- Music or voice shall not be amplified to a level or be so loud that either can be heard beyond 30 metres.
- Buskers shall not perform for more than one hour at a time and shall move to another pitch at least 50 metres away.
- Buskers shall not set up a pitch within 50 metres of another busker.
- Busking in Street should not start before 9.00am and should finish by 8.00pm
- Buskers should not obstruct the highway, block walkways, fire exits or impede traffic, either whilst performing or through people gathering to listen or to watch the performance.
Note: The highway includes any pedestrianised areas.
- Buskers should not use street furniture such as benches, telephone boxes, post boxes, cycle stands as part of the act, and should avoid sites close to fire exits, cash points or doorways/access.
- Buskers are responsible for arranging their own public liability insurance.

Anyone selling merchandise (e.g., CDs, posters etc) must have the appropriate licence. Please see Somerset Council's website for guidance on street trading and for a licence application form.

Contributions must not be solicited from passers-by as this would be regarded as begging. If requested to reduce the volume of music, buskers should try to do so as far as possible, by reducing any amplification or playing quieter tunes. Busking outside of a place of worship when there is a solemn service or event in progress is discouraged. Street Parish Council is not authorised to intervene with busking issues. If the above guidelines are not followed and busking becomes a serious problem to residents/businesses, please report to Somerset Council on 0300 123 2224 or call the police on 101 for their assistance.