

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL  
BUSKING/STREET PERFORMERS/PREACHERS  
CODE OF CONDUCT


Although a Busker, Street Performer or Preacher licence is not required this is limited to a maximum of 2 people at any one time and you **must adhere** to the following Code of Conduct:


The Location/pitch for any street performance, preacher or busker and method of activity, including the placing of equipment on the highway, must not cause undue obstruction to other users of the highway, such as pedestrians and street cleaners. Any performance, preaching or busking activity must also not cause a noise nuisance to those living or working nearby due to either the volume and/or duration of the performance.


**You Must Not:**





Make use of street furniture such as public seating, lampposts, planters, railings etc this includes the attachment of posters and adverts


 Set up within 50 metres of another Busker/Performer/Preacher.

 Be present for more than 30 minutes in any one location (including breaks) and not return to the same location within 2 Hours.

 Where amplification is permitted it shall not be audible in any nearby “sensitive properties” either residential or commercial.

 Perform in a manner that could be considered dangerous and or inappropriate and must not be dressed or conduct themselves in a manner that is likely to cause alarm, distress or offence to members of the public.

 Actively collect money, using signage or any other means, however, it will be permissible to have a receptacle such as a hat, music case or box for the acceptance of donations from the public.

 Obstruct access to shops, cash machines, phones and post boxes.

**TAKE A BREAK**

You are requested to take regular breaks in order to allow crowds to disperse, we are expecting you to comply

with any reasonable request made by a Council or police officer.

A responsible adult should accompany minors busking/performing or preaching.

We will as a Responsible Authority

- ✓ Continue to investigate complaints that are received.
- ✓ Carry out spot checks on performers/buskers/preachers in order to ensure that they are complying with the code of conduct.
- ✓ Where issues arise the Authority may take action and use our statutory powers on individuals who repeatedly abuse the code of conduct.



If you think that an individual or group are causing a noise nuisance, then report this to us, we will offer advice and try to deal with each case reasonably, if any issues that have been raised continue to be a problem afterwards, we can use statutory powers to resolve them if needs be.

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