

STANDARD LICENCE CONDITIONS²

- 1) Each busker and street entertainer must clearly display their busking and street entertainment licence during any performance, and this must be made available for immediate inspection on the request of any person authorised by the Council or by any Police Officer or any Police Community Support Officer.
- 2) Each busker and street entertainer requires a busking and street entertainment licence, whether performing individually or as part of a busking and street entertainment group. For group performances, each member of the group needs to have a valid busking and street entertainment licence. Busking and street entertainment licences cannot be transferred or used by any person other than the named person on the licence.
- 3) Each busker and street entertainer must be familiar with and adhere to the Westminster Busking and Street Entertainment Policy, the extent of the busking and street entertainment regulated areas, the location of designated and marked busking pitches and any terms and conditions that apply in respect of each of the designated and marked pitches.
- 4) Each busker and street entertainer must obtain and hold a valid certificate of no less than £2 million public liability insurance which must be made available for immediate inspection on the request of any person authorised by the Council or by any Police Officer or any Police Community Support Officer.
- 5) Each busking and street entertainment licence holder must comply with any request given by any person authorised by the Council or by any Police Officer or any Police Community Support Officer regarding the busking or street entertainment, which may include directions to stop performing.
- 6) Each busker and street entertainer must ensure that sound as a result of any performance does not cause nuisance to persons in nearby property and levels must be immediately reduced on the request of any person authorised by the Council or by any Police Officer or any Police Community Support Officer.
- 7) Each busker and street entertainer must ensure their performance and audience does not cause an unreasonable obstruction to pedestrians, road users and neighbouring property. An unreasonable obstruction is likely to be caused if a wheelchair or double pushchair cannot comfortably move past.
- 8) All buskers and street entertainers must have a valid Busking and Street Entertainment Licence to perform at any of the designated and marked pitches within the busking and street entertainment regulated areas.

- (9) Busking and street entertainment is permitted at any of the designated and marked pitches within the busking and street entertainment regulated areas from Monday to Sunday between the hours of 10am and 9pm, with the exception of
 - Pitch 6 (Chinatown), where busking and street entertainment is only permitted from Monday to Friday between the hours of 10am and 9pm.
 - Pitch 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 (Covent Garden) only permits performances between 11am – 9pm.
 - Pitch 23 (King Charles) will only permit performances in this location on Sundays only.
- (10) All busking and street entertainment must be contained within the designated and marked busking pitch. This means that all the buskers and street entertainers, the performance itself and anything used in connection with the performance must be within the designated and marked pitch. If a performance cannot be contained within the designated area it is unsuitable for that pitch.
- (11) Only one busking and street entertainment performance is permitted at any one time in any of the designated busking pitches.
- (12) Busking and street entertainment performances must not be longer than 40 minutes from start to finish.
- (13) No amplified, wind, brass, percussion or percussive busking or street entertainment performances are permitted, with the exception of
 - Pitch 1 (Marble Arch),
 - Pitch 9 (Leicester Square North East)
 - Pitch 15 (St Pauls Church)
 - Pitch 17 (Trafalgar Square Charing Cross Road),
 - Pitch 23 (King Charles Statue)These pitches permit amplification and such instruments only where the sound does not cause a nuisance to persons in nearby property.
 - Pitch 12 (Market Square/James Street) permits vocal amplification only where the sound does not cause a nuisance to persons in nearby property.The council does not permit the use of external power sources with amplifiers (e.g. battery packs or generators).
- (14) No naked flame, pyrotechnics, fireworks, knives, sharp objects or similar shall be used as part of the performance. No unlicensed animals shall accompany the buskers and street entertainers nor be used as part of the performance.
- (15) Pitches may be suspended in the event of an emergency, public disorder, planned events, or to prevent a nuisance being caused. Buskers and street entertainers must immediately comply with any requirement to cease busking that may be given by any person authorised by the Council or by any Police Officer or any Police Community Support Officer in those circumstances.

² Regulations made by the City of Westminster pursuant to Section 40(1) of the London Local Authorities Act 2000 prescribing the standard

conditions which will be applicable to all licences to busk, except when expressly excluded or amended in any particular case

