

The previous (redundant) - **Bristol City Council Busking information** -

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The Arts and Culture team at Bristol City Council are aiming to make some central areas of Bristol busking tolerant, as a way of animating the city and providing performance platforms for local performance artists especially throughout the summer months. The policy for busking is still in production, but as a general guidance, you would need to give due regard to local residents and businesses and seek their permission when located in close proximity to any property. Narrow Quay, Bush Corner and Pero's Bridge are licensed by Bristol City Council for performance spaces under the conditions of our Premises Licences, but in using these spaces you will need to observe the following:

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Noise (for example music and voice) should not be so loud that it can be plainly heard at a distance of 30 metres. Busking must not be intrusive or a nuisance to nearby premises. If requested to reduce the volume of music you should try to do so as far as possible.

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To prevent the possibility of busking being intrusive or a nuisance to any nearby premises, you should move to another pitch after 1 hour and not perform again in that location for 2 hours. Note: particularly noisy entertainers (e.g. bagpipers or drummers) should not perform for longer than 30 minutes. These measures can help prevent complaints from shopkeepers, office workers etc You should not obstruct the highway, but you also need to be responsible for ensuring that the highway is not obstructed by people gathering to listen or to watch the performance. The highway includes any pedestrianised areas.

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Entertainment is only permitted between the hours of 10:00hrs and 20:00hrs and no sale of any merchandise is allowed. Contributions must not be solicited. This is begging and you could be arrested or prosecuted if you do. If performing on any private land, you need to seek permission of the landowner first.

The performance must not attract more than 499 people at any one time so you will need to use your professional judgement to decide if there are more than 499 people there and / or if risk is increased.

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It may also be possible to busk within any of the Council's spaces that are already premises licenced for events, but please contact us in advance for advice if you wish to use these spaces. There are several other laws and pieces of legislation that may also apply to your event in addition to the Site Licence and Premises Licence.

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Please contact the Council Licensing Office on - 0117 357 4900 – or email – licensing@bristol.gov.uk - for further information, or if you require a "Street Collection Permit" for the collection of money, or the sale of goods for a charitable purpose, which is held on a street or a public highway.