



St. Helens Council Strategic Events
Code of Practice - Approved List of Street Entertainers/Buskers

1. Successful candidates will be added to the 'Approved List', which will be reviewed annually. You will need to apply for a permit each year prior to the anniversary of the permit issued.
2. Entertainers/buskers should be competent and vibrant to maintain the quality of the street scene environment. Entertainers/buskers are required to take care of their appearance and be skilled and experienced in using props in their performance.
3. Entertainers/buskers should only perform within the entertainment areas during their allocated day and times. Booking online, with a minimum of 48 hours notice, is strongly recommended.
4. Permit must be displayed when performing.
5. No sale of merchandise will be allowed without a valid Street Trading Licence from St.Helens Council.
6. If you wish to sell goods, Street Trading Consent is required and should be declared as part of the busking permit application process. The declaration will be reviewed as part of the St.Helens Council's Town Centre bookings.
7. Only one entertainer or group of entertainers shall be allowed in any of the identified entertainment areas at any one time.
8. Only perform between the hours of 09.00 and 18.00.
9. Entertainers/buskers should not use animals within their performance.
10. Only use low powered amplification equipment, this must be maintained at a reasonable level to allow other activities to continue unhindered.
11. Where accompanying background music is used, entertainers/buskers own music must form the greater part of the performance. Drumming should only be included as a minor part of the act.
12. Noise (for example music or voice) should not be so loud that it can be plainly heard at a distance of 50m in any direction.
13. If entertainers/buskers are causing a nuisance with noise from amplified music, St.Helens Council has power to take enforcement action under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Merseyside Police also have powers where they consider a public nuisance or obstruction is being caused. It should also be noted that persons other than the police or the Council might institute action under the same laws whether or not the code is observed.