



**WATFORD
BOROUGH
COUNCIL**

STREET PERFORMANCES AND BUSKING IN WATFORD

OUR CODE OF CONDUCT

2023

WATFORD'S BUSKING AND STREET ENTERTAINMENT CODE OF CONDUCT

If you're performing anywhere in Watford you should follow this code.



1. Think safety!

- performances must not be dangerous to the public in any way - naked flame, pyrotechnics, fireworks, knives, sharp objects or anything similar are not to be used

2. When and where to perform

- only perform between 10am - 8pm, performances outside of these hours is not allowed
- be aware of where you are performing - some spaces will work better for you and others

3. Don't cause a nuisance or concern, think about others

- sound such as music or voices should not be so loud that it can be heard at a distance of 50 metres
- generator powered / extra battery pack amplification is not allowed
- performances shouldn't last longer than an hour in any one place /pitch particularly noisy entertainment like drums or bagpipes should only play for a maximum of 30 minutes in any one place
- performances shouldn't be repeated in the same place or within 50 metres within two hours
- performers should not be within 50 metres of another performer / busker
- performances should not cause alarm, distress or concern

4. Keep your performance area clear of obstructions

- don't obstruct the highway, pavement, or entrances to premises or allow people gathering to cause an obstruction - this includes causing people to walk on a road rather than the pavement
- don't display any sign inviting payment for a performance (except where a collection for charity has been authorised by the council or the Charity Commissioners) or for the sale of any goods or services (such as CDs, t-shirts)

5. Respect the performance area

- seats, lamp columns, bins and other street furniture and trees cannot be used as part of any performance

6. Work with the council and police

- stop performing if asked to do so by the council, police or police community support officer
- take advice on where to perform and how to make sure performances meets this code



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