

BUSKING - GUIDELINES

Why a Code of Practice?

Everybody likes a cheerful tune, skilfully played. Music to shop by can be very popular, however although Solihull MBC does not have a formal system of licensing in place, we recommend a few simple guidelines to help you keep "in harmony" with us and the public.

Where can I perform?

Always play away from areas which might obstruct the public. Don't block pathways, fire exits or impede traffic. Don't perform near public telephones. If you are playing outside a shop, you must get the Manager's permission first.

How long can I stay?

You should aim to perform for about 3 hours, including setting up time.

Can I collect money?

You may set out a container for money to be dropped in, but you **must not** ask members of the public for money, or shake a collecting tin. If you wish to sell your CD's, you may first require a Street Trading Consent.

Can I use an amplifier?

You may use an amplifier, but it must be set at a reasonable level. Any request from the Police, Enforcement Officers or Town Centre Management Officers to turn it down **must** be complied with.

If these simple courtesy guidelines are observed, the Council will not need to take more formal steps to regulate street entertainment in the Borough.

For more information please contact the Town Centre Management Group 0121 704 6546.

THANKYOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION