

INVERNESS CITY CENTRE

BUSKERS GUIDE

ENTERTAINING IN PUBLIC

Street Performing (Busking) is a time-honoured art form that adds to the attractiveness, colour and vibrancy of the city of Inverness. It can help to create an enhanced atmosphere and provide pleasure to many people, both local and visitors to Inverness. However, performers must be sensitive to other City Centre users and businesses and must follow the good practice guidelines.

THE LAW

Under Section 54 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, Police Scotland can ask buskers to stop performing where their performance is disturbing others. If you do not comply, they have the power to seize your equipment and the matter may be referred to the Procurator Fiscal.

ADVICE OR ASSISTANCE

If you find you are being unreasonably disturbed by buskers, and as a business or individual you cannot make an approach to the busker, please report the noise nuisance to Police Scotland on 101 or to Inverness BID via contact details below:

Inverness BID, 17 Queensgate, Inverness

tel: 01463 714550 or email info@inverness.uk.com

BUSKERS CHARTER

- **BE CONSIDERATE** - Remember people's businesses and homes are in your vicinity and not everyone has the same taste in entertainment nor do they want to listen to the same music repeatedly. Please be considerate and move on to another pitch after 1 Hour maximum and do not return to the same location before two hours has elapsed.
- **BE UNPLUGGED** - Street Performances/Busking and/or any amplification must not be at a noise level that interferes with the ability of Shops, Banks, Offices etc. to conduct their lawful business. Nor should your performance be audible within 30 metres of your pitch. If it does you will be required to tone it down.
- **BE RESPECTFUL** - Please respect the local businesses and other Street Performers and do not set up your pitch within 50 metres of another Street Performer. Do not obstruct the public walkways, shop doorways, ATM's, Pedestrian Crossings or other sensitive business locations.
- **BE AWARE** - Please ensure you are fully aware of the Buskers Charter and the need for full compliance. City Centre BID Ambassadors, Council Enforcement and Police Scotland will monitor the City Centre throughout the day and will challenge any buskers who are flouting the code of conduct in any way.
- **BE COMPLIANT** - The sale of merchandise is not allowed in law unless you hold a Street Traders License from Highland Council. Please comply with all Regulatory Authority. If asked by Police Scotland to stop, move away or restrict your performance, you must do so immediately or you risk being charged with a criminal offence and having your equipment confiscated.

Above all, be part of Inverness City Centre and work with us to help create a vibrant & welcoming atmosphere for all who shop, work, live & visit.