

- Don't make use of street furniture such as lamp posts, public seats etc. for your performance.

- Avoid sites near to public telephone boxes, post boxes or doorways, as this will make it difficult for these to be used property.

- No selling is permitted by buskers.

- Contributions must not be solicited. This is begging and you could be arrested / prosecuted if you do.

**If you need further information or advice,
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Buskers Code



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Buskers and other forms of street entertainment can help to create a colourful and cheerful atmosphere and give great delight to both residents and visitors.

However for those living or working in the town centre, busking can become intrusive or annoying and may lead to nuisance, in which case the Environmental Health Department may well receive complaints about noise.

This leaflet describes the legal controls over busking and provides some guidance concerning ways of avoiding noise disturbance from this form of entertainment.



The law

Under the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 as empowered by the Statutory Nuisance Act 1997 noise from equipment used in the streets can be dealt with as a statutory nuisance by the Borough Council, who have powers to take action against those who create or allow the nuisance to happen. "Equipment" includes amplified musical instruments and the Act can apply if a busker is singing with any form of amplification system.

What you should know

If you find you are being disturbed by buskers, either outside your place of work or where you live, contact the Council.

The address and telephone number of the Council are given on the back of this leaflet.

Buskers Code

If you are a busker in the Spelthorne area adopt the following code:

- **Keep the volume at a reasonable level.**

- **Don't obstruct the flow of pedestrians. You could be arrested/prosecuted if you do.**

- **In Staines, the area between the High Street entrance of the Elmsleigh Centre and the walkway to Two Rivers must not be used.**

Remember crowds can cause this problem when gathering to listen or watch.

- **Move to another pitch after an hour which will help to prevent complaints from local shopkeepers.**

- **Move on, or stop, if required to do so by a Police Officer.**