

Street performance and busking Info Sheet

The main use for footpaths is for people to get around on foot, wheelchair or mobility scooter/device safely. Town centre footpaths are also used for a lot of other activities such as outdoor café seating and street performances. These activities add to the character and vibrancy of our towns, but they can sometimes interfere with safe pedestrian movement.

This information sheet is to help our business operators and wider community know what the rules are around Street performances and busking on our town centre footpaths.

The key things you need to know are:

- There has to be 1.5 metres of clear (unobstructed) footpath available for pedestrians.
- Street performances or busking cannot be placed anywhere that interferes with vehicle sightlines on the road.
- This policy excludes organised events.

Organised events
can be applied
for on Hauraki
District Council's
website

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- Street performing or busking is permitted where they do not affect others safety, obstruct pedestrians, traffic, business activity or residential living.
- Street performances or busking that involves dangerous materials or objects requires written permission from Council beforehand.
- Council recommend street performers or buskers under the age of 12 be supervised by an adult at all times.
- Street performers or buskers must have approval of the business they are in front of and if they are asked by the business to move on they must do so.
- Street performers or buskers, or their audiences must not block footpaths, shop doorways, residential doorways, bus stops, designated pedestrian crossings or fire escapes.
- Street performers or buskers must allow for wheelchair access around where they are performing.
- Sound performances must not be unreasonably loud and be considerate of the general public as well as comply with the District Plan rules around noise levels.
- Sound performances are only allowed between 7:00am and 10:00pm.
- A maximum performance time of 4 hours per day at any one site (with an additional hour for set up and pack up).
- Voluntary donations to performers are permitted however they cannot approach individuals asking for money.
- Street performers or buskers are responsible for claims made against them for personal injury property damage and are encourage to have their own public liability insurance.
- Any performance affecting use of the road must have an approved traffic management plan by the Council and/or Waka Kotahi if it is on a state highway.

The full Town Centre Footpath Policy can be found on our website

www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/footpaths