

No sign should be displayed inviting payment (except where a collection for charity has been authorised by the Council via a Street Collection Permit which can be obtained from the Council's Licensing Team.)

Entertainers who appear to be under the influence of either drugs or alcohol may not be permitted to continue performing and may be reported to the Police.

Authorised entertainers should have basic public liability insurance and, for fire entertainers, it is a strict requirement.

No right to perform is inferred by this Code of Conduct and it does not confer indemnity from general laws and local byelaws.

For any further information, please contact:

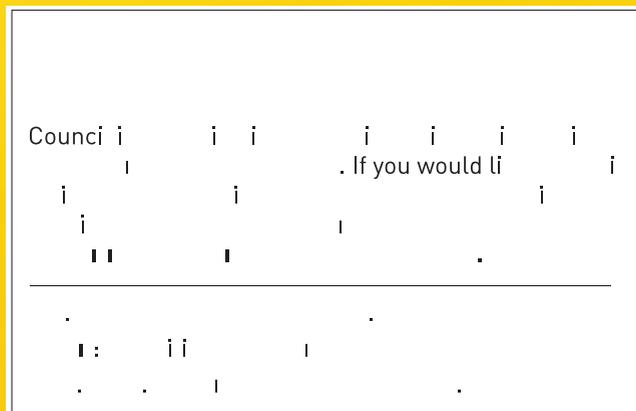
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Fire Eaters: consider and assess the risks your activity may pose to those around you and to nearby buildings.

- 1 Organise and cordon off the area concerned, taking into account:
 - Safe distance (e.g. how far could a baton travel if you dropped it?) Use this distance plus half as much again in considering a safe distance.
 - Are there any combustibles within the area e.g. refuse bins or gas pipes?
 - Take extra care near young children or other vulnerable people.
 - Wind direction.
- 2 Provide safe stowage for flammable liquids and ignition sources during your performance.
- 3 Always have first aid equipment available and people able to administer first aid.
- 4 Have fire-fighting equipment available – and someone who is able to use extinguishing agent.



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Code of Conduct for Street Entertainers



Cheshire West and Chester Council welcomes law-abiding and considerate street entertainers. We recognise that they can play a part in creating an enjoyable experience for our many visitors and residents.

Sometimes, however, street entertainment can lead to complaints and this Code has been developed to prevent problems from occurring. Compliance with this Code is expected to ensure street entertainers do not cause annoyance or interfere with the needs and rights of those around them.

The Police have powers to move entertainers on if they consider an obstruction is being caused. Failure to comply with a request from the Police could result in prosecution.

The Code

Entertainers should choose their location carefully before setting up any equipment, to help minimise the likelihood of complaints.

Musical entertainment must not take place for more than one hour in any single location. It should not be repeated in that location or within 50 metres of it unless a period of three hours has elapsed since the last performance.

Amplification of music or singing at a volume which gives rise to complaint is not acceptable. The Council has in place a byelaw to control amplified music. Where such amplification gives reasonable cause for annoyance, entertainers will be asked to stop and leave the area. Persistent offenders will face prosecution.

Entertainers should not include drumming unless it is a minor but important part of the performance.

The location of entertainment should not be too close to public telephones making it impossible for people to use them.

The entertainment should not include any activity which could cause harm to the entertainer, members of the public or damage any structures, including the highway.

Street entertainers must:

- Make every effort to manage any crowd to ensure that they do not block the highway, public places or entrances to shops.
- Remind any crowd to keep a clear access along the highway, footpath or pedestrianised areas.
- Stop the entertainment immediately if the highway is blocked by the entertainment or the crowd, or if there is a risk to the safety of any individual or damage to a highway or structure.
- Move on if requested to do so by an officer of the Council or the Police.

Entertainers should not spread out their equipment or block footpaths, entrances/exits to shops, phone boxes, post boxes, cash machines or shop window displays.

Entertainers are not permitted to use ancient monuments, street furniture, such as public seats, lamp-posts, bollards, planters and railings as part of their performance.

The performance area should be left in a clean and tidy condition.

A Street Trading Consent is required for the sale of any goods including pre-recorded CDs.

Street entertainers must not actively request money, but may have some form of container (e.g. box, hat or musical instrument case) into which they can accept donations from members of the general public in return for their performance.