Busking - Frequently Asked Questions

**What is the booking procedure?**

Fill in the application and once it has been approved you can book your busking slots with our centre administrator. We recommend booking around 1 week in advance.

**How long are the busking slots?**

Busking slots are approximately 1 hour.

**Performance slots are available on what days and between what times?**

There will be two performance slots available per day and will be available Mon-Sun between 12pm and 3pm. The slots will be:

* 11.00am
* 2.00pm

**Is the Busking Circle limited to single acts? Or could you accommodate a small group act?**

The busking circle is suitable for single and small groups of 3-4 people. Please see our Code of Conduct for more information regarding noise levels and spacing.

On the day of your pre-booked appearance, you should check in with management team prior so we are aware you are in the building.

**What should they do if they cannot locate the busking circle or have any problems?**

A member of our management team will direct you to the busking circle on arrival, or refer to the busking map.

**Any info on parking/access to the centre?**

We do recommend entering the centre on the third floor of the car park, especially if carrying any heavy or large equipment. If there is no space to park on the third floor then we do have lifts to accommodate you.

**Do I need any insurance?**

Each performer will need some personal liability insurance. You will also need to send over your Personal Liability Insurance previous to arriving at the centre to perform.

**Is amplification allowed? Need to specify if power is available in this location?**

Amplification is allowed and we will have power near the busking circle. Please see the Code of Conduct for more information regarding noise levels.

**Should performances be of a suitable volume so that it is enjoyable for shoppers, as well as retail and leisure operators? If a performance is too loud, how will the on-site react? What will the procedure be?**

Material will need to be suitable for families (no swearing/explicit lyrics), and please be aware of your surroundings and keep noise to a considerate level.

The team at the Harvey Centre have the right to stop or move your performance at any time.

**What happens if the area becomes too congested with a crowd?**

We have a security team on site to help diffuse any large crowds.

**How old do I have to be to busk?**

You should be 14 years of age, or with a parent/guardian if younger.

**Am I allowed to accept money?**

You can accept donations from the public as long as they do not feel forced to pay any monies – it should be seen as a gesture of goodwill. You will need a busking license to accept money so please make sure you are within these guidelines.

Please see link: [Busking licence (England and Wales) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/busking-licence)