

Guidelines for Street Entertainment

Winnipeg is a city of the arts. Internationally renowned for artistic and creative innovation and diversity, Winnipeg is a city that expresses itself through arts, culture and creativity.

The City of Winnipeg endeavours to foster creativity and expression by supporting conditions and infrastructure that allow for a diversity of cultural and artistic practices. It also recognizes that street performances are a valued art form that contribute to the artistic fabric of our community and enhance the vibrancy of our city.

The City of Winnipeg strives to work collaboratively with members of the busking community to ensure that their performances follow best practices and established guidelines.

Generally, no permit is required to busk in the City of Winnipeg; however, a permit would be required to conduct business.

Some private property owners may also have rules and regulations regarding busking. Buskers are advised to contact each individual property owner directly for more information.

Location

Buskers are responsible for ensuring that their performance does not obstruct pedestrian or vehicular traffic. Please consult winnipeg.ca/streets-bylaw for more information on the Streets By-law.

Public Risk or Danger

A street performance must not pose a danger or risk of any kind to the public.

Equipment should not be left unattended at any time. Buskers are also not permitted to plug into public or private power outlets, nor are buskers permitted to leave power cords unattended.

Buskers are equally responsible for ensuring that no public or private property is damaged as a result of a performance.

Please consult winnipeg.ca/streets-bylaw for more information on the Streets By-law.



Noise

Buskers must adhere to the noise regulations in Part Five of the Neighbourhood Liveability By-Law, in addition to the noise regulations in the Parks By-Law if performing in a City-run park.

Applicable Permits

Buskers who wish to conduct business, i.e. sell recordings, must apply for a Use of Street permit and comply with the conditions thereof. Please consult winnipeg.ca/street-permits for more information on a Use of Street permit.

Donations and Vending

Buskers are allowed to solicit donations from the public, but are not permitted to do so in a manner which causes an obstruction. Please consult winnipeg.ca/solicitation-bylaw for more information on the Obstructive Solicitation By-law.

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By-Laws

Certain by-laws are being enforced to ensure that busking continues to be a valued art form in Winnipeg. Please consult the Neighbourhood Liveability By-law at winnipeg.ca/liveability, the Obstructive Solicitation By-law at winnipeg.ca/solicitation-bylaw, the Streets By-law at winnipeg.ca/streets-bylaw, and the Parks By-Law at winnipeg.ca/parks-bylaw.

For more information, please contact 311.