

## General Guidelines for all Performers

Only approved and licensed buskers are permitted to perform in the Penticton Buskers Program.

- a) Buskers must demonstrate a reasonable degree of proficiency in their performances. The City of Penticton (hereinafter referred to as the 'City') reserves the right to determine the standard of proficiency and suspend performing privileges if complaints regarding a busker are received and/or if the busker is unable to consistently maintain the necessary standard. Suspended buskers will be required to audition at the City's convenience before receiving consideration to perform again in the Penticton Buskers Program.
- b) Buskers must have a neat and clean appearance.
- c) Buskers must be entertaining in their own right and include, but are not limited to musicians, dancers, jugglers, magicians and circle shows. Buskers, for the purpose of these guidelines, do not include face painters, portrait artists, painters, crafts people, etc. or any person who provides a service or produces a product.
- d) Buskers under the age of 18 years must have a parent or guardian co-signing their registration form.
- e) Buskers under the age of 16 years must have a responsible adult accompanying them at all times while performing in the Penticton Buskers Program.
- f) Buskers must bring their valid busking license and clearly display their license during all performances. Inspection of the license and photo identification may be requested by City staff to verify license validity.
- g) Buskers must conduct themselves in a safe, professional and cooperative manner and abide by the Busker Guidelines in order to receive and maintain permission to perform in the Penticton Buskers Program. Undesirable conduct or failure to uphold the Busker Guidelines will lead to temporary or permanent suspension of performing privileges. Such suspension to be determined at the discretion of the City.
- h) Buskers must ensure that they are legally permitted to perform in Canada and obtain all permits, clearances, licenses and performance rights to material presented.
- i) Buskers must abide by the [City of Penticton's Good Neighbour Bylaw](#).
- j) Buskers must fully cooperate with their fellow Buskers, merchants and City staff and not interfere with, obstruct or inconvenience the performances of another registered busker.
- k) Buskers acknowledge that the safety and enjoyment of the public is of paramount concern and must always ensure their performance does not directly or indirectly compromise the safety and enjoyment of residents, businesses or visitors.

- l) Buskers must ensure free and safe access for pedestrians along any pathways or thoroughfares near the performance location. Performers must ensure that they do not block business doorways during business hours, bus stops, fire escapes, etc.
- m) Buskers must keep the location clean and ensure that their use of the location does not pose a threat to public safety and that the site is left in the condition found prior to use.
- n) Buskers may receive donations for their performances, but must not charge a minimum or set fee for performances. Aggressive or persistent solicitation of donations is not permitted.
- o) Buskers may not sell or distribute products or merchandise without City permission. Permission will only be granted for the sale of recordings of the buskers own work available for sale only during their performance.
- p) Buskers may not advertise, endorse or promote products or sponsors. Signs, banners or displays that are not integral to the performance are not permitted. The City reserves the right to remove any sign, banner or display that obstructs or interferes with pedestrian or traffic circulation, interferes with normal business activity or obstructs views of other signs.
- q) Buskers must not act or represent themselves as agents or employees of the City.
- r) Performances shall only occur at the designated locations. Only non-amplified, unobtrusive performances are permitted. The City reserves the right to restrict the locations and times available. The City will provide reasonable advance notification of closures whenever possible.
- s) Busking activity must operate at a level so that the sound is not obtrusive above background levels to the degree that a passer-by would have to strain their voice to be heard above the sound. Sound levels from a busking performance shall at no time disrupt business trading including retail and dining establishments, affect workplace performance or detract from public appeal.
- t) Profane or vulgar language or acts which are not consistent with family oriented entertainment are not permitted.
- u) Consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs or performing under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs is not permitted. Smoking/vaping during performances is not permitted.
- v) The use of props, including sharp or dangerous props such as knives, hatchets, chainsaws or flaming objects is not permitted. The use of props in a manner that could injure or cause harm to a member of the public or cause damage to public or private property is not permitted.
- w) The City reserves the right to halt performances that restrict or disrupt the normal business activity, safety or enjoyment of the environment for merchants, customers and visitors.
- x) The busker agrees to indemnify and save harmless the City from all costs, loss, sustained or caused by, or arising out of the buskers' performance and behavior in the Penticton Buskers Program.

Failure to adhere to the guidelines may result in temporary or permanent suspension of performing privileges.