

# For more information

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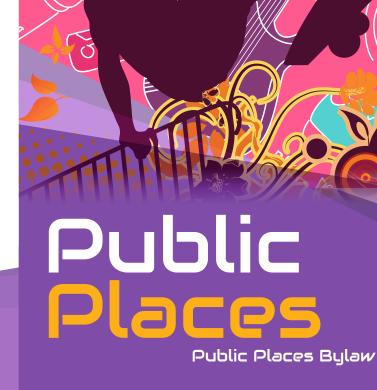
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# What does the Public Places Bylaw mean?

This bylaw aims to ensure that safety, visual amenity and civic values are maintained within the Masterton District.



#### When do I need Council permission?

You need permission if you want to:

- Deposit something that will obstruct a public place or road
- Complete any construction works in the Council road reserve
- Busk
- Use a loudspeaker or amplifier
- Preach
- Solicit donations or collections
- Distribute written material advertising a product or service
- Set off fireworks in a public place
- Obstruct an entrance or exit from a public place
- Sell from a stall in a public place
- Conduct a meeting or assembly of people that obstructs the footpath or road

### What else is prevented by the bylaw?

- Consuming or selling mind-altering substances
- Using wheeled devices in an intimidating manner or causing nuisance
- Using scooters or skateboards in the town centre
- Approaching people directly when preaching or soliciting donations



When you have Council consent to busk, the following guidelines will help you have a trouble-free performance and hopefully prevent any complaints arising:

- 1. No amplified music.
- 2. Keep to more popular themes, certain types of music may not appeal to the public.
- 3. No swearing or obscene language.
- 4. Avoid songs which are of an obviously political or religious nature.
- 5. When finding a site to busk, talk to the shopkeepers of shops you are going to stand beside. In general, do not stay in one place for longer than an hour. Depending on your musicial skill, shop owners may be pleased to have you busking outside their shop for longer periods by agreement. This is very much a matter of negotiation.

If a complaint is received, you will be asked to move on by a Council Environmental Health Officer.

