

South Bank Parklands Busking Policy

All buskers who have successfully obtained a busking permit for South Bank Parklands are required to adhere to the conditions outlined in the South Bank Parklands Busking Policy. Failure to do so will result in your permit being cancelled without warning.

Types of Permits

Performers may apply for one of the following types of busking permits. The application process is outlined at the end of this document.

Annual Permit – this applies to local buskers who do not use high risk elements in their performance. An annual permit would be issued to musicians, dancers, visual artists, singers, statue artists and so forth. Auditions for this permit take place once a year in November.

Short Term Permit – this applies to interstate or international performers who are in Brisbane for a short period of time (up to three months) and are wishing to busk in the precinct. A recent video of the busking performance (less than 12 months old) applied for is required for assessment.

Special Permit Conditions – this applies to performers using high risk elements in their performance such as fire, ladders, unicycles, balancing acts and so forth. Performing with whips or knives is not permitted. For special permits, **a copy of the performer(s) Public Liability Insurance Certificate for a minimum of \$20 million Australian dollars is required**. Special Conditions may apply to both Annual and Short Term Permit Holders.

Busking in South Bank Parklands

Brisbane Marketing reserves the right to restrict busking times and locations as deemed necessary by Brisbane Marketing without prior notice. Busking is not permitted between 10pm and 7am. Busking is also not permitted during any major events at the Parklands – these include Riverfire, Regional Flavours, Christmas, New Year’s Eve and Australia Day.

There are designated busking locations in South Bank Parklands. Brisbane Marketing representatives including security reserve the right to relocate buskers or cancel permits immediately if performances take place outside the designated locations. Permitted Busking areas are listed on the map on your event permit and attached to this policy. Please note that as of July 2019, Amplified busking is no longer permitted at Buskers Pitch under any circumstances.

Busking locations operate on a first in, best dressed basis. As there are limited busking locations in South Bank Parklands, buskers are however required to allow gaps between performance times to allow other buskers an opportunity to perform in close proximity.

Busking permits must be displayed clearly during set up, performance and pack up. By not displaying your permit, you will be requested to cease your performance and vacate South Bank Parklands.

Children under 16 years of age are only permitted to busk outside of school hours, between the hours of 07:00AM and 07:00PM and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times. Written permission from a parent or legal guardian is required for children under 16 years of age wishing to perform in South Bank Parklands.

Buskers must comply with instructions or directions given by Brisbane Marketing representatives including security and life guards.

Busking performances must not impede on pedestrian access.

Equipment or any other personal items should not be left unattended in the Parklands. Brisbane Marketing takes no responsibility for equipment or any other personal items brought onsite.

Busking Content & Behaviour

The following actions are not permitted and will result in the cancellation of busking permits:

- swearing or inappropriate language
- discriminating material
- aggressive actions
- inappropriate dress
- excessive noise
- overaggressive requests for payment
- any action considered to be dangerous
- performing activities not outlined in your busking permit
- failure to comply with instructions or directions given by City Parklands Services representatives including security and life guards
- requesting other performers in the South Bank Parklands re-locate to another position

Use of amplifiers is restricted to battery operated amplifiers only and must not exceed 75dB, 3 metres from the source.

There are parameters around involving the general public in busking performances which include:

- requesting their permission prior to engaging them in the show
- not unduly embarrassing any member of the public if they refuse to be involved
- asking all participants if they have any health concerns which may be affected by participating in the show
- not placing or involving any member of the public in an unsafe situation

Cancellation and Complaints

Busking permits remain the property of Brisbane Marketing and can be cancelled at any time. If complaints are received by members of the public, Brisbane Marketing reserves the right to refuse or cancel permits.

Buskers are only permitted to perform the act which was applied and auditioned for and approved by Brisbane Marketing. If an element of the act changes, buskers must reapply and reaudition.

Selling

Buskers can sell items or display items for sale only if prior written consent is sought from Brisbane Marketing. To seek approval, please write an email to the Event Program and Project Executive.

Safety requirements

The performer must be able to demonstrate or explain safety measures that will be implemented to ensure the safety of the audience.

Circle shows must use a rope to create the performance space a minimum of three metres radius from the audience. If ladders are involved, then the radius extends to five metres from the audience, or the length of the ladder plus one metre, whichever is greater.

The show must commence, conclude and occur within the defined busking areas.

The performer must inform the audience of safety measures prior to performance.

Chainsaws or other mechanical items are not permitted to be juggled.

Objects with sharp edges (excluding juggling knives) are not allowed.

If using implements in a performance, all edges on metal implements must be blunted and rendered non-dangerous. An implement is determined as blunt if it is incapable of piercing human skin when pressure is directly applied to its edge or point against human skin.

Performers using fire must provide Brisbane Marketing with a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for the fuel used in their performance as well as carry the MSDS whilst performing at South Bank.

The use of sheltie or any other explosive materials or gas of any type is strictly prohibited.

Application Process

Busking application forms are available to download from the following link:

<http://www.visitbrisbane.com.au/South-Bank/Visitor-Information/Busking>

Application forms for annual permits are to be completed in full and submitted with an electronic copy of a recent photograph (less than 12 months old), and a copy of a form of identification. In addition, for special condition permits, a copy of the performer(s) Public Liability Insurance Certificate for a minimum of \$20 million Australian dollars is required.

Performers who have submitted an application form for an annual busking permit are required to audition in front of a panel of judges appointed by Brisbane Marketing. Auditions take place each year in November. Existing permit holders will be required to audition to have their permit renewed for the following year.

For short term permit applicants, a recent video of the busking performance (less than 12 months old) applied for is required for assessment. If a short term permit is approved, one permit will be issued per busker per calendar year. Short term permits are not available to local Queensland residents. An annual permit must be applied for in this instance. Auditions for these permits take place in November each year.

Successful candidates will be issued with a permit and receive an electronic copy of the South Bank Parklands Busking Policy and a map indicating areas permitted for busking performances. The map will also be shown on the reverse side of all busking permits.