The law
Under Section 54 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, Police Scotland can ask buskers to stop performing where their performance is disturbing others. If you do not comply, the matter may be referred to the Procurator Fiscal and your equipment may be seized.

For more information email the Council’s City Centre Neighbourhood Office: citycentretteam@edinburgh.gov.uk
If you need to talk to someone in person, drop into the office at 249 High Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1YJ or you can call us on 0131 529 7061.
The City of Edinburgh Council and Police Scotland welcome responsible buskers who brighten up our city.

Please do:
• busk only between 9am and 9pm
• play at a considerate volume so passers-by can hear you but nearby businesses and residents are not disturbed
• move on to another pitch at least 50 metres away after one hour
• stop busking if anyone complains about what you are doing or if asked by a police or council officer – otherwise you risk being charged or having any equipment seized.

Please don’t:
• set up your pitch within 50 metres of another busker
• spread out equipment or other items that could get in pedestrians way
• busk near doorways or cashpoints
• act or speak aggressively to people asking you to stop.