



Music performances/Busking in public places and on streets in Frankfurt am Main

Music performances/Busking and performances of art with music can be a cultural enhancement and a stimulating element on public places and on streets in Frankfurt. However, there are certain rules by which performers must abide to avoid disturbing others.

Music can only be performed in such a volume that does not disturb others more than is absolutely unavoidable. A noise level of 60dbA may not be exceeded under any circumstances.

Musical performances are allowed only on weekdays (Monday to Saturday) between 07:00 a.m. and 20:00 p.m., from May 1 to the 31. of August between 07:00 a.m. and 21:00 p.m. Disturbing others by such performances is forbidden on Sundays and holidays.

The performances must be interrupted by regular pauses. The site of the performance must be moved to a different location every hour, far enough away from the area previously affected by the performance to be in a completely new area. After leaving an area, no other musical performers are allowed there for one hour (mandatory pause).

Not more than 5 people are allowed to perform as a musical group on one site at the same time. Loud instruments such as trumpets, trombones, drums or the like may not be played on one site longer than 2 intervals of fifteen minutes with a pause of at least 15 minutes between them.

Due to the fact that a great number of inhabitants might feel disturbed by performances in the inner city area, the use of electro-acoustic amplifiers (loudspeakers, amplifiers, megaphones, gigaphones or the like) is not permitted.

The safety and efficiency of pedestrian traffic must not be hindered by the performance.

Music performances/Busking and performances of art with music that disturb third parties more than absolutely necessary who are not part of the performances are a violation of § 117 of the law on regulatory offences (Ordnungswidrigkeitengesetz) and can be fined with up to 5.000 €.

Personnel of the Ordnungsamt and the police are authorized to prohibit the continuation of musical performances if the respective regulations for the performance are not abided by. In this context, the instruments/amplifiers/sound reproducing devices/megaphones etc. can be confiscated and the violators can be banned from the premises.

Colleagues at the Ordnungsamt are available for further information by telephone under 069 212-44044 and at the Amt für Straßenbau und Erschließung under (069) 212-35451. Please note that the Ordnungsamt cannot give information in English by telephone.