

Rediscover Granville 2.010

Get the Most Out of Your Busking Experience

Welcome to Granville 2.010 – a new and improved street! The Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association (DVBIA) and City of Vancouver are pleased to welcome buskers to Granville who will contribute to an interesting and dynamic atmosphere. For Summer 2010, we're focused on supporting the efforts of the busking community and monitoring new changes as part of a trial. Please review this document for new rules, etiquette, and resource information.

General Rules and Etiquette for Busking:

- You are **limited to less than 60 minutes at any one location**. After 60 minutes, you must move to a new location at least one full block away. This is important if another busker is waiting his/her turn.
- It's ok to wait for another busker to finish their set. Please leave your equipment in queue. As such, a busker cannot be in queue for one spot while playing another.
- Remember that **other buskers are your colleagues**; please be polite and courteous.
- Make certain that cables and other equipment don't cause tripping hazards to the public.
- Clean up any garbage left behind after you finish performing.
- Make an effort **not to play the same material repeatedly**. For example, try not to do the same trick, song, or part of your performance more than once every 30 to 40 minutes. The less repetitive the better because it means audience members will stay longer.
- The busking community, City of Vancouver and DVBIA have worked together to locate and designate preferred **'busk stops'** on Granville. These locations are best for making sure sound from neighbouring buskers don't interfere, lessening the sound impact to residents, are high pedestrian traffic areas and don't block access to businesses.
- You are responsible for ensuring doorways, display windows and pedestrians are **not blocked by your performance** or your audience.
- Busking can take place between the hours of **10am to 12 midnight**, and should be within 30 feet of designated busk stop signs. The midnight end-time is an extension of the current permit. Please finish busking by this time to help make the trial a success for everyone.
- In crowd-gathering scenarios, please **ensure the safety of your audience** by keeping them away from traffic lanes where cross-streets are open.
- Please **respect the wishes of nearby residents and businesses**.
- Battery operated **amplification is allowed** if you keep the volume at a reasonable level to not overpower other buskers, disrupt business operations or residents. Please respond to the concerns of your neighbours.
- **Share information**. If somebody has harassed you or tried to steal your tips, warn buskers taking over your spot. If a passerby compliments your show, tell them to check out the other busker performances. If a new busker is unaware of how 'busk stops' work or busking etiquette, educate them.
- **All buskers in Vancouver need a City permit**. You can get one at Streets Administration, 5th Floor, 507 West Broadway @ Cambie. It costs \$38.40/four months. Please have yours on you and/or visible when performing.
- Through September 6, **Granville Street from West Hastings to Smithe is closed to traffic** – so busking is encouraged in the middle of the street.
- Throughout the Summer, events or festivals will have a **Special Events Permit from the City for particular blocks**. These permitted groups will have priority within those blocks. Please respect their event space and busker outside of it or on another block until the event is finished.

*Join the Facebook Group "**Busking on Granville**" to see updates on what's happening on Granville, other events coming up, resources for buskers, potential gigs, and to ask questions. Or, contact Barbara, Events Coordinator for the DVBIA, with busking questions at: 604-685-7811 ext. 210, or email barbara@downtownvancouver.net*