

Don't cause a Public Nuisance

The prevention of public nuisance is a licensing objective under the Licensing Act. As such, it is important that any licensed premises operate in such a way that it is promoting the objective, i.e. operating so that it is not causing a public nuisance.

Remember it is a public nuisance, not a private nuisance, therefore more than one person/property should be affected by the nuisance. Public nuisance is not narrowly defined in the 2003 Act and retains its broad common law meaning – consist of many relevant factors.

Causing a public nuisance may result in a licence review or abatement notice served.



Display **customer notices in prominent places** asking them to leave your licensed premises without making noise.



Make sure your **door staff is trained to manage noise** from customers either in the immediate vicinity or in smoking areas.



Be **mindful of the noise resulting from outside smoking areas when considering a suitable location** for designated smoking areas.



Outside queuing should be directed as far away from residential properties as is practically possible.



Consider noise abatement measures such as acoustic lobbies, door closers, noise monitors and/or direction of speakers.



Make sure you are fully aware of your licence conditions relating specifically to noise abatement and mitigation.

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