

THEATRES CONDITIONS

1. The Licensee or Manager shall be responsible for the day to day running of the premises. There shall be sufficient attendants/ushers on duty when the premises are open to the public, and in no event less than the number specified in the relative licence application form.
2. The terms of the Theatres Act, 1968 shall be complied with.
3. Prior to the commencement of the licensed event, the Licensee or Manager shall give clear instructions to attendants/ushers on their duties in the event of fire, and establish an agreed means of warning of all of those present at the event. The Licensee shall comply with all requirements of Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service.
4. The number of people admitted to the premises shall be strictly controlled to ensure that the premises do not become overcrowded. The Council or Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service shall have the power to set a limit on the maximum number of people to be admitted to the premises for any performance, which shall not in any event exceed the number intimated on the relative licence application form.
5. The premises must be structurally sound and safe. Any scaffolding for staging, props or seating shall be adequately designed, constructed and installed for the load to which it is to be subjected. The means of suspension for scenery, lighting grids and similar items shall be to the satisfaction of the Council.
6. The general layout and arrangement of the premises shall be as to allow safe and orderly evacuation in the event of fire.
- 7.(a) All approaches, staircases and passageways shall be kept free from obstruction. No seat or other obstruction shall be placed in any of the passageways and no-one shall be allowed to stand or sit in any passageway during performances.
 - (b) Whenever more than 200 persons are to be accommodated, seats, other than forms, are to be fastened together in groups of not less than four, nor more than twelve, and the centre of no seat is to be more than 3.5 metres from a gangway.
 - (c) Where more than 400 persons are to be accommodated, the seats adjoining front, back, and cross gangways or exits shall be securely fixed to the floor.
 - (d) Whatever the number of persons to be accommodated, gangways are to have a minimum width of 1100 mm.
8. All doors and barriers shall not be fastened or locked except by emergency bolts when the premises are open.
9. Naked flames or lights shall not be used on or near the stage without prior consultation with Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service and complete adherence to their requirements.
10. All scenery, curtains, drapes and fabrics in the premises shall be flame-resistant.
11. The use of smoke bombs, smoke generators, flash powder, flash boxes, detonators and similar pyrotechnics is not permitted without the written approval of the Firemaster and the Council.
12. All upholstered furniture shall comply with the current British and European Standards, details of which are available from Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service.

13. The Licensee or Manager shall intimate every outbreak or suspected outbreak of fire to Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service immediately.
14. Lasers or other similar devices shall not be used without the Council's prior written permission.
15. When the majority of people in the premises are under the age of 16 or a performance is intended to be for people under that age, there shall be stationed on the lowest floor of the auditorium at least one attendant for every 100 people present and on all other floors at least one attendant for every 50 persons present there.
16. The premises shall be lit to the satisfaction of the Council. A suitable system of secondary lighting must be provided to the satisfaction of Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service.
17. The electrical installation to the premises shall be kept in proper working order and shall comply with the current IEE Standards. No alterations or additions to the electrical installation shall be made without the Council's written consent.
18. Any temporary electrical installation shall be carried out by a suitably competent person. All temporary connections to the permanent installation in the premises shall be disconnected immediately after each performance.
19. All gas taps in the premises shall be out of reach of members of the public and all electrical lighting switches to public areas shall be inaccessible to the public.
20. The premises shall be properly ventilated and heated to the satisfaction of the Council. Temporary or moveable forms of heating shall not be used without the prior written approval of Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service.
21. Sanitary accommodation shall be provided to the satisfaction of the Council.
22. The Food Safety Act, 1990 and The Health and Safety At Work Etc. Act, 1974 shall be complied with.
23. The Council shall be given prior notification of the name(s) of a person or persons who will be available during all performances and responsible for ensuring any music or public address system is controlled to the satisfaction of the Council's Director of Protective Services or his appointees so as not to cause nuisance.
24. The Licensee or Manager shall ensure that a mobile telephone is available for use in an emergency, in the event that access is not available to a standard telephone within the premises.
25. The Licensee shall display the Theatre Licence and Conditions in a prominent position in the premises.
26. No alterations shall be made to the structure, seating arrangements or exits without the Council's prior written consent.
27. Any Officer of Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service, any Police Constable and any authorised Council Official shall be permitted free access to the premises at any time.
28. Any exhibition of hypnotism shall comply with the Hypnotism Act, 1952.
29. The times of performance shall not deviate from those detailed on the relative Licence application form.
30. In addition to the entrance, there must be at least one additional exit from the auditorium. All exits shall be maintained free from obstruction. A notice, bearing the word "EXIT" in block letters not less than 125 mm high, must be provided at each exit door.

31. A minimum of two fire extinguishers, suitable for the risk, must be provided.
32. The means of escape in case of fire with which the premises are provided shall be maintained free from obstruction and available for use at all times.
33. The means (other than the means for fighting fire) with which the premises are provided for securing that the means of escape in case of fire shall be maintained in an efficient state for safe for safe and effective use during all material times.
34. Firefighting equipment, suitable for the risk shall be provided and maintained in an efficient state and in good working order.
35. Means of giving to persons in the premises, warning in case of fire shall be provided and maintained in an efficient state. An agreed means of giving such warning shall be made known by the Licensee or Manager to all persons employed within the premises.