

Trading activity guidelines

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Trading activity – hawking of Christmas trees

Wellington City Council does not object to people selling Christmas trees as a hawking activity, as long as conditions are met. The activity must comply with the Council's [Trading in Public Places Policy](#), which allows the Council to set reasonable conditions as follows:

Safety

- The Council permits hawking outside the Central Area, as defined in the District Plan.
- Hawking of Christmas trees is not permitted on a road where the speed limit is more than 50km/h.
- Drivers must be able to see the hawker from at least 40m away so that they can safely slow down and come to a stop. Drivers exiting the site must be able to clearly see approaching traffic from at least 40m in any direction.
- Customers must be able to park, load and leave the site safely and legally.
- The operator is responsible for their own and their staff's safety, especially in regards to the cash handling system.

Pedestrian access

- Pedestrian access is not to be impeded and a minimum of 2m clear footpath width, in accordance with the Council's [Footpath Management Policy](#), must be maintained at all times.

Consideration for others

- The hawking activity must not compromise the trading opportunities of adjacent retailers.
- Everyone involved in the activity must be respectful of other members of the public.
- Any rubbish or litter generated by the activity must be removed before departure.
- Any instructions given by Police or Council officers are to be complied with immediately.
- Wellington City Council reserves the right to require the activity to cease if, for any reason, the Council considers the activity to be dangerous, offensive or a nuisance.

Any signage used must comply with the Council's [Guidelines for Temporary Signs in Public Places](#) (198Kb PDF).

Wellington City Council reserves the right to require the activity to cease or to be removed should any of the above conditions not be met. The cost of removing such an activity may be passed on to the person responsible for carrying out the activity.

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