



Organising street trading and market events: a brief guide

If you want to sell goods on the street or run an open air market type event then you are very likely to require a licence from Lewisham Market Services. Which type of licence will depend on the site or location concerned.

Is your proposed Street Trading or Market Event either

(1) located on the road or footway ?

OR

(2) within 7 metres of the road or footway in an area which is not permanently enclosed and for which the public do not have to pay to enter?

If you answer yes to either of the above then a street trading licence is required for each seller.

If the answer to both of the above is 'no' then a street trading licence is not required but the event may require an occasional sales licence.

Either way you need to speak with us before proceeding and at least 42 days before the scheduled date. If a licence is required it is illegal to proceed without one.

As well as granting licences we can also advise on matters such as stall layout and other operating requirements (e.g. liability insurances, waste arrangements, trading standards and food safety requirements)

It must not be assumed that all licence applications will be approved.

We are based at Wearside Service Centre, Wearside Road, SE13 7EZ and can be contacted on 020 8314 2067 or e-mail: markets@lewisham.gov.uk

Also note that 'on street' events may require permission for the road to be closed so you will also need to check with our Highways team. They can be contacted on 020 8314 2218 or e-mail: transport@lewisham.gov.uk

If you want to sell goods on the pavement outside your shop then unless you own the piece of land concerned you will need a licence from our forecourts team. They can be contacted on 020 314 2170 or e-mail: cleanstreets@lewisham.gov.uk