



Entertainment of an adult nature Striptease, lap dancing and similar entertainment

This guidance is to assist any licensee wishing to provide entertainment by professional dancers whose performance may include removal of clothing or nudity.

It is particularly important that the premises are well run with customers and dancers being properly supervised. To avoid offence to passers by, or residents, performances by topless female, nude male or nude female dancers should only be seen by customers inside the premises, and by no person outside the premises.

Particular effort must be made to make it obvious that there is no prostitution. House rules should be developed and actively promoted to control the behaviour of the dancers and customers to avoid complaints of the premises being a front for prostitution. An appropriate number of stewards will also be required to properly supervise the premises and maintain order.

Written information should be given to dancers advising them of the house rules and the possible consequences of failure to comply. Contracts of employment and disciplinary action should be used to establish and maintain standards of behaviour. A notice should also be displayed at the main entrance informing customers of the house rules that affect them and a warning that entertainment involving unclothed male and/or female dancers is provided within the premises.

A suitable secure changing room with restricted access should be provided for performers, separate from customers and other staff where they may prepare for their performance. Arrangements should also be made for the security of performers personal belongings.

Carlisle City Council Statement of Licensing Policy states:

- 4.6.14. Adult entertainment
- 4.6.15. No-one under the age of 18 should be permitted to enter premises whilst entertainment of an adult nature is being provided.
- 4.6.16. Adult entertainment should not take place in a location that could be viewed from outside the premises. Advertising of adult entertainment should not include any photographs of the entertainment.
- 4.6.17. In the event of representations being made, applications, which include provision for adult entertainment to be provided, will not normally be granted, unless the applicant can demonstrate that performers will be safe and that unlawful activities will not take place.
- 4.6.18. In considering the grant of applications involving striptease/nudity (partial or otherwise) and other forms of adult entertainment the Authority will also have regard to the increased risk of nuisance to

nearby residents and will consider rejecting the application or attaching appropriate conditions.

SUGGESTED HOUSE RULES

- Prostitution is forbidden - soliciting will result in immediate dismissal.
- Dancers shall not fraternise with customers away from the premises.
- Dancers may only dance to seated customers.
- Customers should remain clothed at all times.
- The customer must not touch dancers while they are dancing.
- When dancers have finished dancing they must put their clothes back on.
- No dancers shall be required to earn income by commission on the sale of drinks.
- Dancers shall not arrange to meet customers outside the premises.
- Dancers may not leave the premises during a shift unless they are genuinely too ill to remain at work.
- Any dancer leaving the premises during a shift will not be allowed to continue that shift.
- Customers who fail to conform to house rules will be asked to leave the premises

WISE PRECAUTIONS

- Dancers are escorted to their car or booked taxi by door supervisors.
- Taxis known too and approved by the licensee are booked to collect dancers from the premises.

Examples of control measures that that might be included within an operating schedule to address the issues of crime and disorder would be:

- A written copy of the house rules shall be provided to the Licensing Officer of the Council.
- Performers and customers shall be aged not less than 18 years.
- Performances by topless female or nude male/female dancers shall only be seen by customers inside the premises, and by no person outside the premises.
- A notice will be displayed at the main entrance warning customers that: the performance includes unclothed male and or female dancers and no person under the age of 18 years will be admitted.
- A notice will be displayed at the main entrance advising customers of the important House rules: that dancers may only dance to seated customers; customers shall remain clothed at all times; and that dancers must not be touched by the customers while they are dancing.
- All dancers will be given written information advising them of the house rules controlling the behaviour of the dancers and customers.
- Suitable secure changing room(s) with restricted access will be provided for performers, separate from customers and other staff.
- No advertising outside the premises, of striptease or similar entertainment, which may give rise to offence.