



# Pedlars - Code of Conduct

A **Pedlars Certificate** must be obtained from the Police and carried with you whilst peddling. You must produce it when required by the Police or authorised officer of the Council. The certificate is valid throughout the UK and will allow you to trade as you travel from place to place.

Whilst peddling, you must move around and not wait for customers to come to you. You must not remain in the same place, unless serving a customer, and should relocate at least every 20 minutes. If you remain in the same place for more than 20 minutes, you will be illegally street trading.

You should carry your goods, which must be small goods, and can use a small wheeled trolley to transport them. You must not trade from a fixed pitch or set up a portable stall and must not wait for customers to approach you as this is illegally street trading and not peddling.

You must not verbally or physically harass or abuse members of the public and should remain courteous at all times.

You must not obstruct the highway, footway, thoroughfare or business or residential entrances.

You should be mindful of local residences and business and keep noise to a minimum. No loud or intrusive music should be played.

Goods should not be of an obscene, offensive or insulting to any ethnic or social minority and consideration should be given to persons' race, colour, creed and sexual orientation in relation to items sold.

Goods must not be counterfeit. No alcohol or cigarettes must be offered for sale unless the relevant licences are in place.

**Pedlars are regulated under the Pedlars Act 1871 and must comply with this code in order to meet the definition of a pedlar. Persons who fail to comply with the definition of pedlar are liable to prosecution.**

In addition, it is an offence to illegally street trade in Cornwall and this Council will take formal action against illegal street trading. Any person found guilty can be fined up to £1000.

**For further information** please contact:-

Cornwall Council's Licensing Service

Email [licensing@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@cornwall.gov.uk)

Telephone 0300 1234 212

### **Disclaimer**

This document provides advice and information to pedlars who operate within Cornwall. It is not a full and authoritative statement of the law and is not issued as legal advice or intended to provide legal advice. You should obtain your own independent legal advice where appropriate.