

Legislation

In addition to the [2003 Licensing Act](#), there is a lot of government legislation that applies to events, and as a result getting permission to hold one can be daunting at the first attempt.

All proposed events must conform to the 2003 Licensing Act, alongside the following guidance and legislation:

- [The Event Safety Guide: A guide to health, safety and welfare at music and similar events \(HSG 195\)](#)
- [The Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005](#)
- [Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974](#)
- [The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999](#)
- [Successful Health and Safety Management \(HSG 65\)](#)
- [RIDDOR 1995](#)
- [The Children Act 2004](#)
- [Regulatory Reform \(Fire Safety\) Order 2005](#)
- [Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981](#)
- Equalities legislation (refer to Bristol City Council's [Equalities Policy 2008](#)) including public duties on race, gender and disability

Who monitors compliance to legislation and best practice?

The **Bristol Safety Advisory Group for Events (SAGE)** has been set up to provide advice on event safety matters, to ensure that public safety is maintained at temporary and outdoor events held in Bristol – however large or small. SAGE considers all event-licensing requests and offers advice and guidance to all parties concerned in the planning and organisation of events. This includes events held on both off-road sites and the public highway.

The group is made up of representatives from:

- Bristol City Council (BCC)
- The Great Western Ambulance Service, Avon Sector
- Avon Fire and Rescue Service
- Avon & Somerset Police
- Bristol Traffic Management Group

The group meet approximately once a month throughout the year to consider major events or new applications, which may require initial advice or guidance. Depending on the nature and scale of your application, you may be invited to one of the Safety Advisory Group meetings to discuss your specific proposals in more detail.

It is important that you meet the terms and conditions of the Safety Advisory Group, as outlined in this section. Failure to adhere to this guidance could result in your licence being refused, revoked, or, at worst, legal action if your event goes ahead and something goes wrong. The safety concerns and advice given by SAGE to event organisers will be documented. If there is an

incident resulting in court / public inquiry proceedings, we have an obligation to notify the safety advice given to event organisers about any event to any investigating authorities.