

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982

Ice Cream Van Chimes – Summary of the Code of Practice on Noise from Ice-Cream Van Chimes etc. in England 2013

A Code of Practice approved by the Government gives guidance on methods of minimising annoyance caused by your chimes.

The main points of the code of practice are:

DO NOT sound chimes:

1. for longer than 12 seconds at a time;
2. more often than once every 2 minutes;
3. more than once when the vehicle is stationary at a selling point;
4. except on approach to or at a selling point;
5. when in sight of another vehicle which is trading;
6. when within 50 metres of schools (during school hours), hospitals, and places of worship (on Sundays and other recognised day of worship);
7. more often than once every 2 hours in the same length of street;
8. louder than L_{Amax} 80dB measured at a distance of 7.5 metres from the loudspeaker;
9. as loudly in areas of low background noise or narrow streets as elsewhere.

REMEMBER:

It is an offence to sound your chimes before 12:00 hours or after 19:00 hours.

It is an offence to sound your chimes at any time in a way which gives reasonable cause for annoyance.

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