



Use of Ice Cream Van Chimes

THE CONTROL OF POLLUTION ACT 1974 - SECTION 62

What does the law say?

It is an offence to sound the chimes of ice cream vehicles before 12 noon or after 7.00 p.m. It is also an offence to sound chimes, or the audible warning horn of any vehicle **AT ANY TIME** in such a way as to give reasonable cause for annoyance.

A Code of Practice approved by the Government, gives guidance on methods of minimising annoyance from such vehicles, the main points of which are:

Do not sound chimes [or blow the horn] –

- a] for longer than four seconds at a time
- b] more often than once every three minutes
- c] when the vehicle is stationary
- d] except on approach to a selling point
- e] when in sight of another vehicle which is trading
- f] when within 50 metres of schools, hospitals or places of worship

The offence is punishable, on summary conviction, by a fine not exceeding £2,000.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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