

Darlington Borough Council Policy Extracts

**10.0 PUBLIC SAFETY**

**10.1 Policy: The Licensing Authority will expect the premises to be constructed and maintained to the highest possible standards of safety. It will expect the applicant to have addressed the requirements of Health and Safety at Work and Fire Safety legislation and, where appropriate, the Technical Standards published by the District Surveyors Association. In particular the Licensing Authority will expect compliance with Fire Safety Legislation in relation to upholstery, curtains and other hanging materials.**

**Reason:** The Licensing Authority expects premises to be constructed with safety in mind and that the operating schedule details how the premises will be properly managed and maintained to ensure public safety at all times. The Licensing Authority will further expect the operating plan to reflect the maximum capacity as determined by the Fire Authority or other relevant legislative body.

**10.2** When addressing the issue of public safety, an applicant must demonstrate that those factors that impact on the standards of public safety have been considered. These may include:

- a) The occupancy capacity of the premises.
- b) The age, design and layout of the premises, including means of escape in the event of a fire.
- c) The nature of the licensable activities to be provided, in particular the sale or supply of alcohol, and/or the provision of music and dancing and including whether those activities are of a temporary or permanent nature.
- d) The hours of operation (differentiating the hours of opening from the hours when licensable activities are provided, if different).
- e) Customer profile (e.g. age, disability).
- f) The use of special effects such as lasers, pyrotechnics, smoke machines, foam machines, etc.

**10.3** The following examples of control measures are given to assist applicants who may need to take account of them in their operating schedule, having regard to their particular type of

premises and/or activities:

- a) Suitable and sufficient risk assessments.
- b) Effective and responsible management of premises.
- c) Provision of a sufficient number of people employed or engaged to secure the safety of the patrons and the premises.
- d) Appropriate instruction, training and supervision of those employed or engaged to secure the safety of the premises and patrons.
- e) Adoption of best practice guidance (eg Guide to Fire Precautions in Existing Places of Entertainment and Like Premises, The Event Safety Guide, Safety in Pubs published by the BBPA).
- f) Provision of effective digital CCTV in and around premises.
- g) Provision of toughened or plastic drinking vessels.
- h) Implementation of crowd management measures.
- i) Proof of regular testing (and certification where appropriate) of procedures, appliances, systems etc. pertinent to safety.