

**BEDFORD AGAINST NIGHT-TIME DISORDER**



**BANNED FROM ONE - BANNED FROM ALL**

**Information and guidance for licensees**

- When arrested for an appropriate offence, an offender will be issued with an interim ban by the Custody Officer. This will detail the premises from which they are banned, that they have the right of appeal and that they will be informed in writing by the Licensee's Committee if they are the subject of a 12-month ban or have had their interim ban lifted.
- The Licensee's Committee will sit on the last Tuesday of every month. This meeting is open to all Bed:Safe licensees with each member having a single vote. The Police and Local Authority Licensing Representative & Bed:Safe Project Manager will attend in a non-voting advisory role. The main order of business will be discussions on people who have interim bans. These will either be lifted or confirmed as a 12-month ban on behalf of licensees the confirmation which will be issued by the Honorary Secretary of the Licensee's Committee. The decision will be confirmed in writing. Any other business will be discussed.
- When the offence is committed on licensed premises, an interim order will be issued as above and Police will apply for an exclusion order to be issued by the court under the licensed premises (exclusion of persons) Act 1980.
- A minimum of 5 licensees will be required to make such decisions. If you have a view on a particular issue you must attend the meeting.
- A common policy must be adopted – banned from one, banned from all. Non-compliance will lead to the removal of licensees from the scheme.

- Nite Net radio must be fully utilised to communicate between members the presence of excluded people, disorderly people who have to be ejected and people/groups of potential troublemakers. For serious disorder or assistance the red button on the Nite Net Radio system should be used.
- Identification of excluded persons will be an issue. Where appropriate, you will be issued with photographs of such people. It is essential therefore that when an excluded person is seen in the town his details (including description and clothing) worn are communicated to members over the radio.
- All licensees will be notified of interim bans and exclusions.
- A person need not be arrested to be the subject of an exclusion order.
- Any person, who is subject to an interim ban or is excluded, attempting to enter a venue, should be turned away and other licensees informed. If they gain entry, they should be asked to leave immediately. You are allowed to use reasonable force to escort them from the premises. If a person refuses to leave or becomes violent the Police should be contacted by phone or over the Nite Net system. Please inform them that you are dealing with an excluded person.
- If a person continually breaches the banning order the licensee should consider proceeding by way of civil trespass or obtaining an injunction. The possibility of obtaining an Anti Social Behaviour Order could also be considered. This would be for serious cases and carried out with assistance from the Police.
- All breached/attempt breaches of an interim ban or exclusion must be recorded in an events log and supplied to the committee.
- Underage drinking will not be tolerated. Distinguishing age can be very difficult and has recently been widely publicized. Identification must be sought in the form of a passport or new driving licence.
- Venues must continue to stop customers leaving with bottles and glasses.

- A strong stance against drug sale use must be taken. The Police will deal firmly with all such occurrences and licensees must insist that their staff are vigilant.
- All venues must have registered door staff where appropriate. Licensees are also responsible for monitoring the activities of door staff. The scheme does not distinguish between staff and members of the public where offences leading to exclusion are committed.

Licensees have a responsibility under the Licensing Act (1964) to exclude persons who are drunk, violent and disorderly or whose presence would render the licensee liable to penalty.

**REMEMBER –  
A PERSON BANNED FROM ONE VENUE IS BANNED FROM ALL.  
EXCLUSIONS MUST BE ENFORCED VIGOROUSLY.  
THE SCHEME WILL STAND OR FALL ON YOUR ACTIONS.**