

# STREET PARTY ADVICE NOTES



**Solihull**  
METROPOLITAN  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

## FOOD SAFETY ADVICE

If you're planning to cater for a Street Party, please take time to read through these "Do's and Don'ts". As the person preparing or providing the food, it's your responsibility to make sure you don't make anyone ill.

### DO:

- ✓ Make sure you have enough refrigerator space to store foods before and after cooking. Use neighbours' fridges if possible.
- ✓ Store cooked foods above raw foods in the fridge to prevent "drip" and keep food in covered containers.
- ✓ Clean work surfaces with hot water and detergent in between the preparation of raw and cooked foods.
- ✓ Defrost frozen meat and chicken thoroughly before cooking.
- ✓ Keep hot food "hot" and cold food "cold".
- ✓ Pre-cook meats on the same day as they are to be eaten. This also applies to barbecues – the meat will cook quicker on the barbecue and you'll be able to serve more people at once.
- ✓ Make sure the middle of the food, especially meat, burgers and sausages, is thoroughly cooked. Avoid the "burnt on the outside, raw in the middle" method of barbecuing.
- ✓ Use cool boxes to store food outside and replace defrosted ice packs throughout the event.
- ✓ Wash your hands before handling food and after using the toilet.
- ✓ Throw away any food that has been stored at room temperature or which has been outside for more than 4 hours. Any food kept in the refrigerator for more than 24 hours must be thrown away.

### DON'T:

- ✗ Leave food in the kitchen or outside for too long before it's eaten. Remember, in the summer warm temperatures will help food poisoning bacteria grow quickly.
- ✗ Leave food uncovered – flies and insects are dirty and not very tasty.
- ✗ Store beer, wine and drinks in the 'fridge, use an ice bucket or cool box. Keep the 'fridge free for storing food needed for the party.
- ✗ Use raw eggs for making mousses, meringues, and mayonnaise. Use pasteurised egg or shop-bought mayonnaise and meringues.
- ✗ Wipe hands on a tea towel; use a separate kitchen towel or disposable paper towels.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVICE

If you're planning a Street Party, please take time to read through these "Do's and Don'ts". As the person organising the event, you need to consider safety issues to prevent injury or accidents to those attending.

### DO:

- ✓ Make someone responsible for lifting any road closure barriers to allow vehicular access to properties unaffected by the party, or for the emergency services.
- ✓ Always ensure there is clear access for the emergency services i.e. police, fire and ambulance.
- ✓ Order beer in plastic barrels and use plastic glasses, plastic bottles and cans to prevent breakages (and washing up!).
- ✓ Make sure any electrical equipment is properly earthed and connected to an RCD or circuit breaker.
- ✓ Make sure any temporary structures such as marquees and canopies are securely and safely fixed down. Any guy ropes should be visibly marked to reduce trips.
- ✓ Ensure a basic first aid box is available to deal with minor cuts and grazes.
- ✓ Keep young children away from any barbecue or hot cooking equipment.
- ✓ Remember the neighbours and other residents. If music is getting loud turn it down to prevent causing a nuisance to others.
- ✓ Walk round the area to check for any hazards or dangers from the party, which may cause accident or injury.

### DON'T:

- ✗ Take glasses or glass bottles into the street to prevent broken glass causing injury.
- ✗ Leave doors and windows of your house unlocked whilst you're out in the street. Burglars may still be on the lookout for an open invitation.

## Noise Nuisance

Public Protection would not foresee any circumstance where they would act on noise complaints associated with street parties. However, they would recommend that people enjoying street parties should keep noise to reasonable levels and respect neighbours who may not wish to join in the fun.

## FIRE SAFETY

For more information about your event and fire safety, visit <https://www.wmfs.net/your-safety/out-and-about/outdoor-safety/>

If you are considering having any fireworks, visit <https://www.wmfs.net/your-safety/at-home/in-the-garden/>

## ROAD CLOSURE BARRIERS AND SIGNAGE

The provision of road closure barriers and signage is the responsibility of the event organiser.

A limited number of road closure barriers and signage are available from Solihull Council, but on a 'first come first served' basis. Please contact 0121 704 8004 to make any necessary arrangements.

Additionally, barriers and signage are available from the following accredited traffic management specialists. Please note that a charge may be made for this service.

Trafix	0121 643 0400
HTM	0121 326 9143
DMN	0121 474 4344

A road closed sign and at least one barrier should be placed at the entrance to each road that is closed. Closure points should be supervised and maintained by a clearly identifiable person.