

SUMMARY OF CODE OF PRACTICE ON NOISE FROM ICE CREAM VAN CHIMES, ETC. 1982

It is an offence to sound your chimes before 12.00 noon or after 7.00 p.m. It is also an offence to sound your chimes 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 caused by your chimes. The main points of the Code of Practice are:-

Do not sound chimes -

1. For longer than four seconds at a time;
2. More often than once every three minutes;
3. When the vehicle is stationary;
4. Except on approach to a selling point;
5. When in sight of another vehicle which is trading;
6. When within fifty metres of schools (during school hours), hospitals and places of worship (on Sundays and other recognised days of worship);
7. More often than once every two hours in the same length of street;
8. Louder than 80 dB(A) at 7.5 metres;
9. As loudly in quiet areas or narrow streets as elsewhere.

REMEMBER:

It is an offence to sound your chimes before 12.00 noon or after 7.00 p.m.

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

Any questions about this code of practice should be made to Malvern Hills Service Centre in Graham Road, Malvern (contact telephone number 01684 862151). Please ask to speak to someone in Environmental Services.